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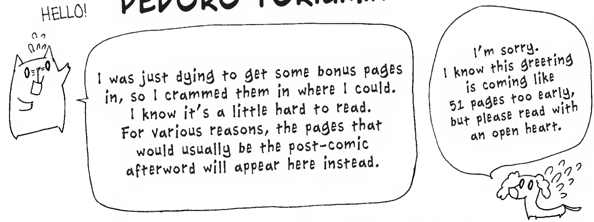
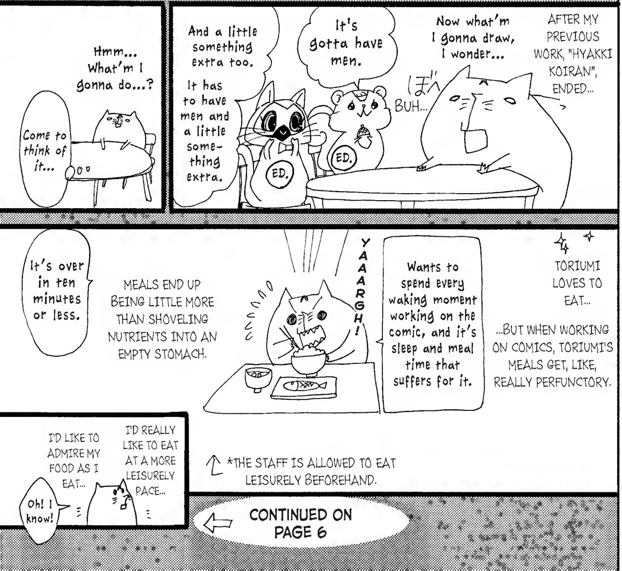
NICE TO MEET YOU OR HELLO!

BUT FIRST... THIS IS PEDORO TORIUMI!!


I was just dying to get some bonus pages in, so I crammed them in where I could. I know it's a little hard to read. For various reasons, the pages that would usually be the post-comic afterword will appear here instead.
I'm sorry. I know this greeting is coming like 51 pages too early, but please read with an open heart.

UNTIL "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN" WAS MADE!!


AFTER MY PREVIOUS WORK, "HYAKKI KOIRAN", ENDED...
Now what'm I gonna draw, I wonder...
ぼへ BUH...
It's gotta have men.
ED.
And a little something extra too.
It has to have men and a little something extra.
ED.
Hmm... What'm I gonna do...?
Come to think of it...
TORIUMI LOVES TO EAT...
...BUT WHEN WORKING ON COMICS, TORIUMI'S MEALS GET, LIKE, REALLY PERFUNCTORY.
Wants to spend every waking moment working on the comic, and it's sleep and meal time that suffers for it.
YAAAARGH!
MEALS END UP BEING LITTLE MORE THAN SHOVELING NUTRIENTS INTO AN EMPTY STOMACH.
It's over in ten minutes or less.
I'D REALLY LIKE TO EAT AT A MORE LEISURELY PACE...
I'D LIKE TO ADMIRE MY FOOD AS I EAT...
Oh! I know!
*THE STAFF IS ALLOWED TO EAT LEISURELY BEFOREHAND.

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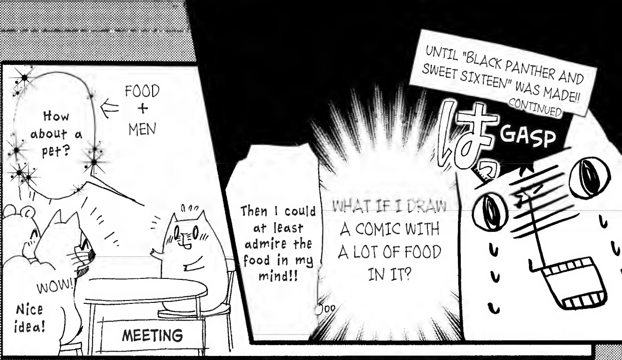
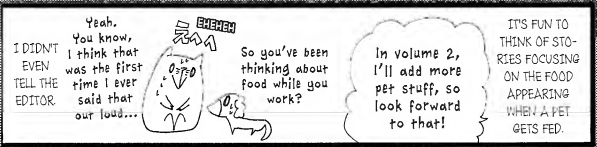
TRAP 1

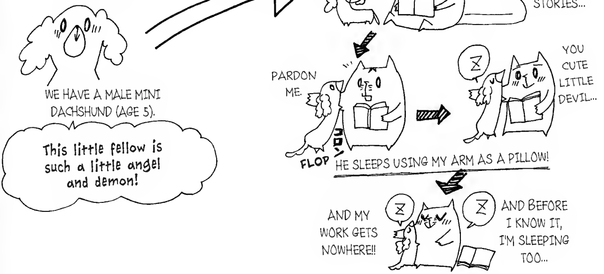
A Sweet, Ramune-Flavored Night

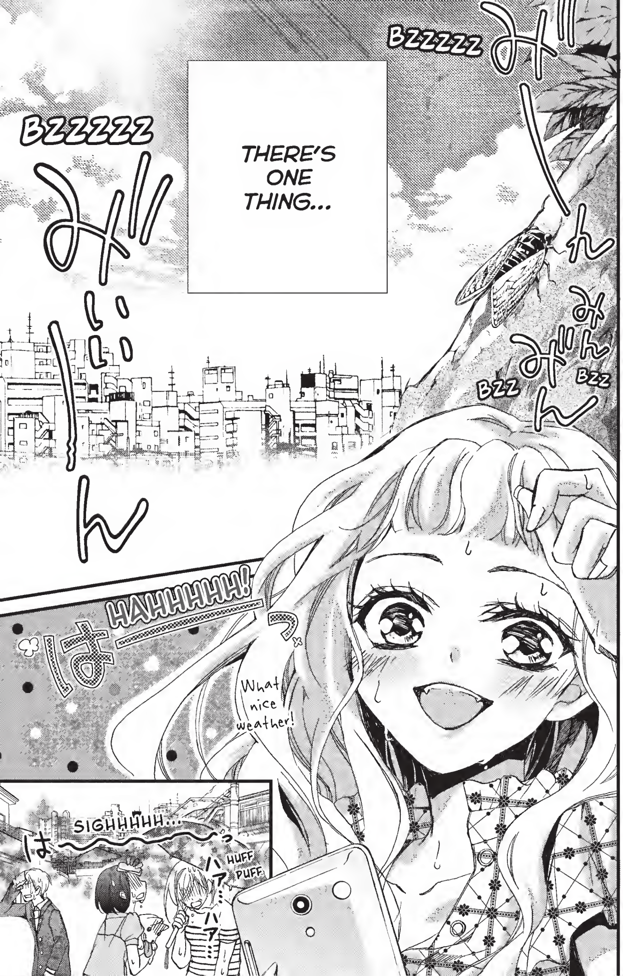
EAT ME
FLOWER SWEETS

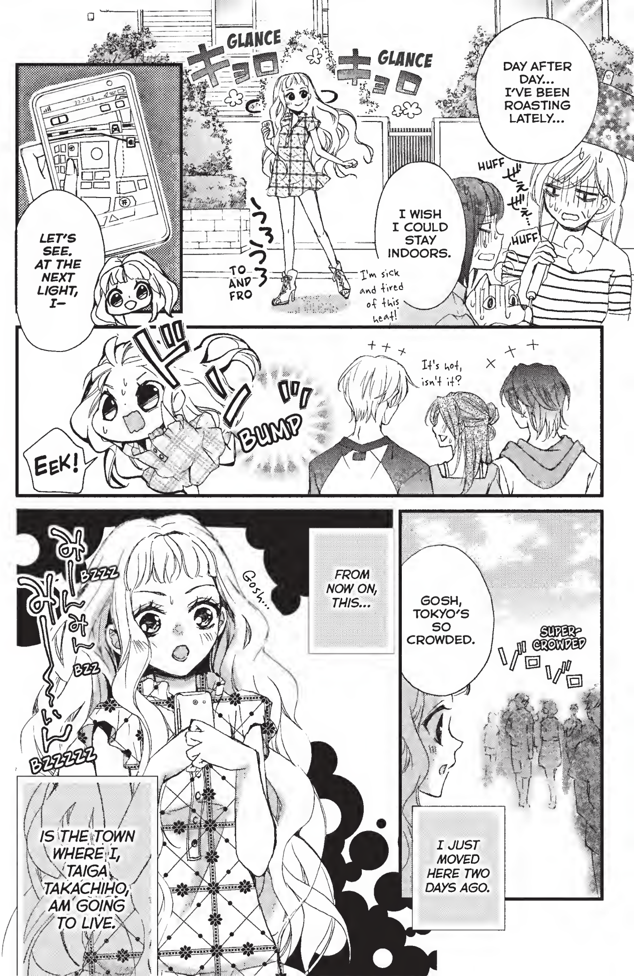

UNTIL "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN" WAS MADE!! CONTINUED
はっ
GASP
WHAT IF I DRAW A COMIC WITH A LOT OF FOOD IN IT?
Then I could at least admire the food in my mind!!
FOOD + MEN
How about a pet?
WOW!
Nice idea!
MEETING

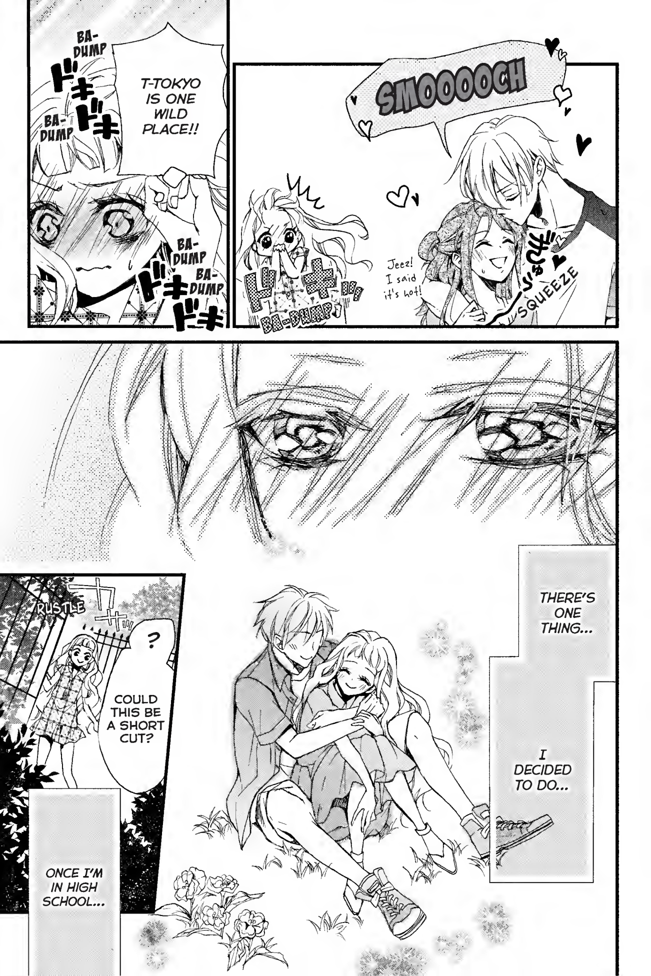

IT'S FUN TO THINK OF STORIES FOCUSING ON THE FOOD APPEARING WHEN A PET GETS FED.
In volume 2, I'll add more pet stuff, so look forward to that!
So you've been thinking about food while you work?
えへへ
EHEHEH
Yeah. You know, I think that was the first time I ever said that out loud...
I DIDN'T EVEN TELL THE EDITOR.

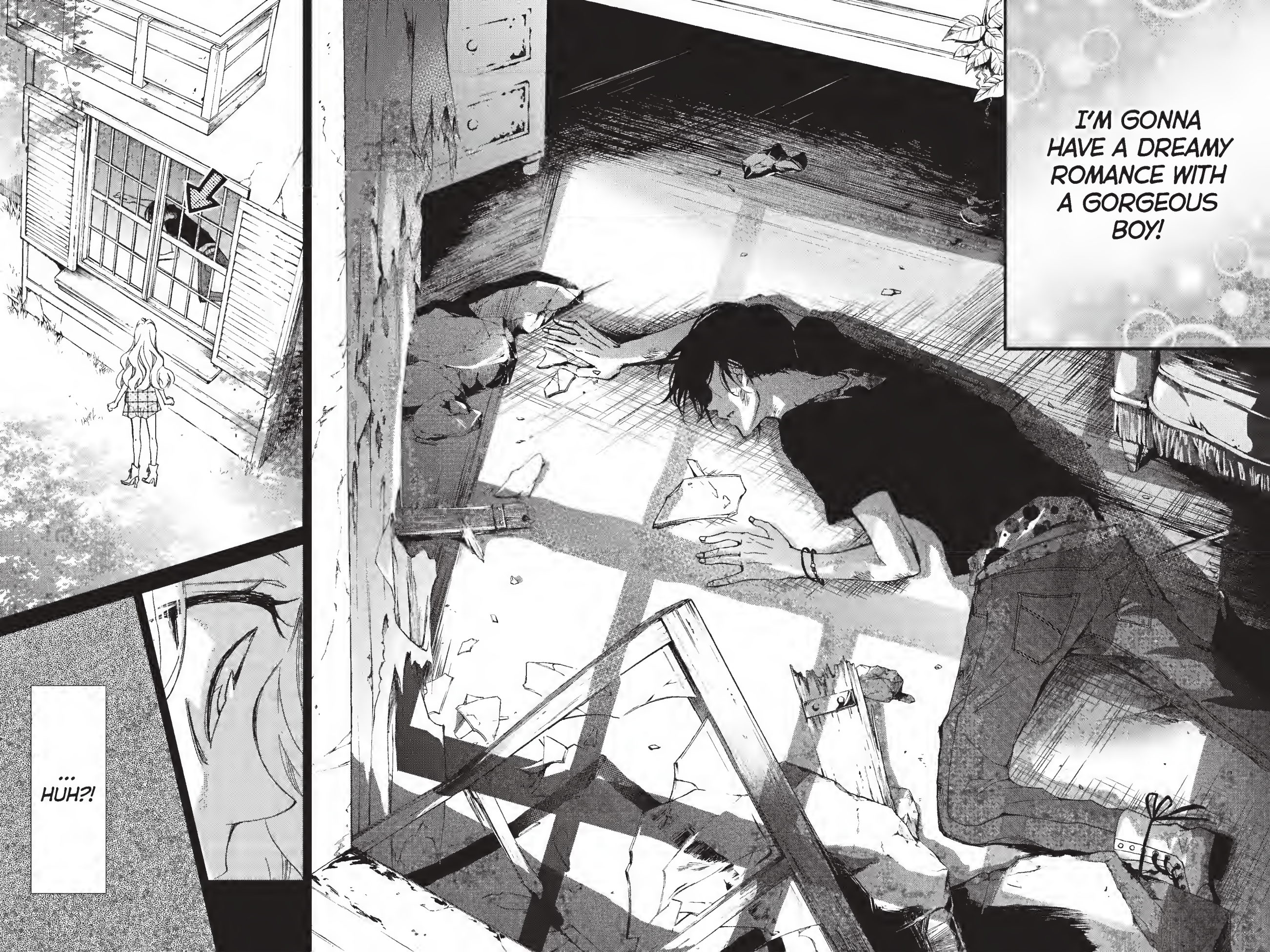
ABOUT THE TORIUMI HOUSEHOLD'S KOTARO

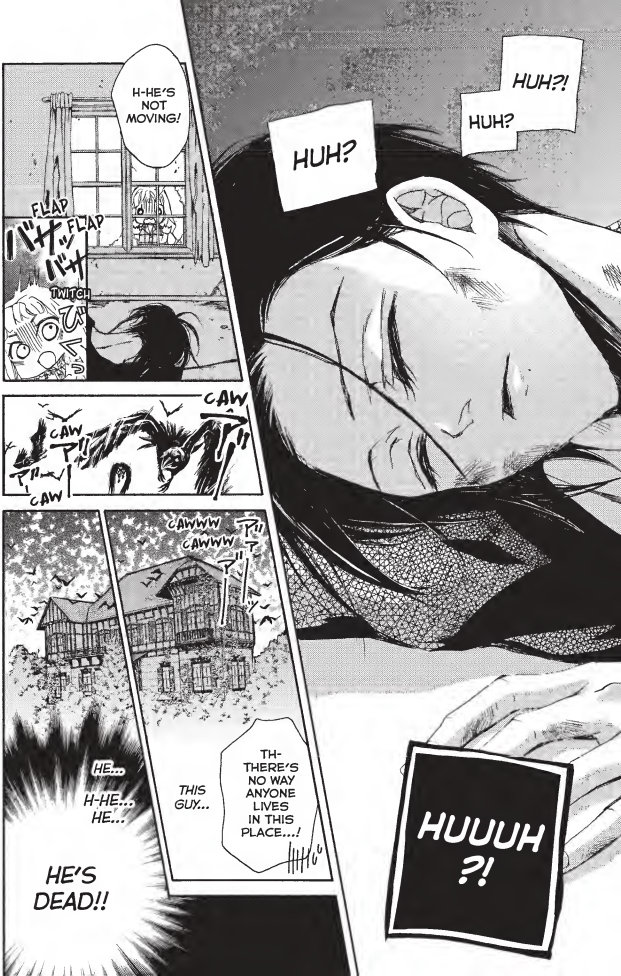

WE HAVE A MALE MINI DACHSHUND (AGE 5).
This little fellow is such a little angel and demon!
HMM...
CUSHIONS
WHEN TORIUMI THINKS UP STORIES...
PARDON ME.
コロン
FLOP
YOU CUTE LITTLE DEVIL...
HE SLEEPS USING MY ARM AS A PILLOW!
AND MY WORK GETS NOWHERE!!
AND BEFORE I KNOW IT, I'M SLEEPING TOO...

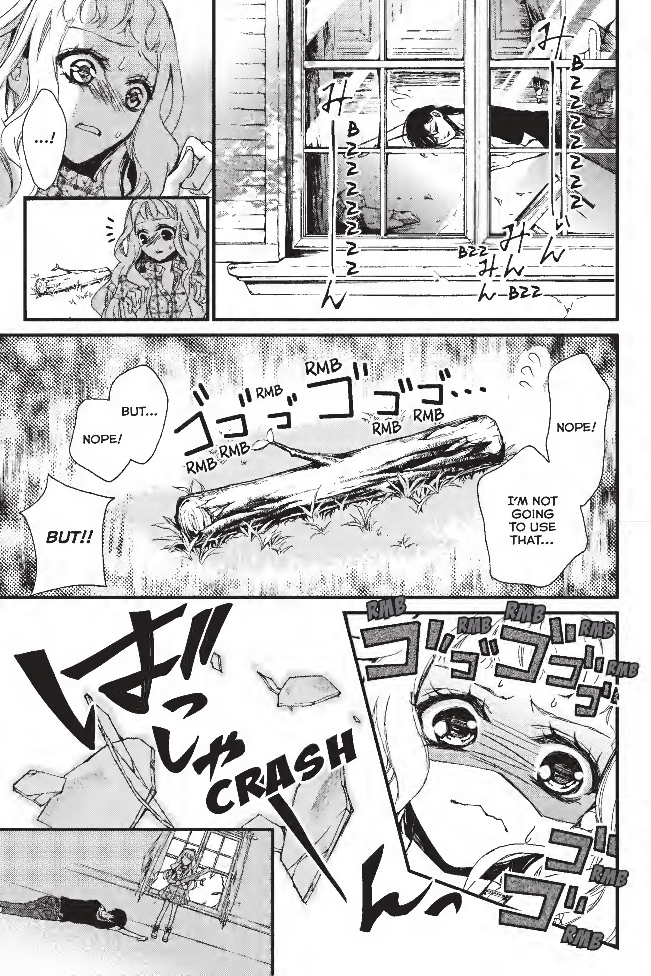

BZZZZZ
みーーん
みんみん
BZZ BZZ
THERE'S ONE THING...
BZZZZZ
みーーん
HAHHHHHH!
はーっ
What nice weather!
SIGHHHHH...
は〜〜〜っ
HUFF PUFF
ハア…ハア…

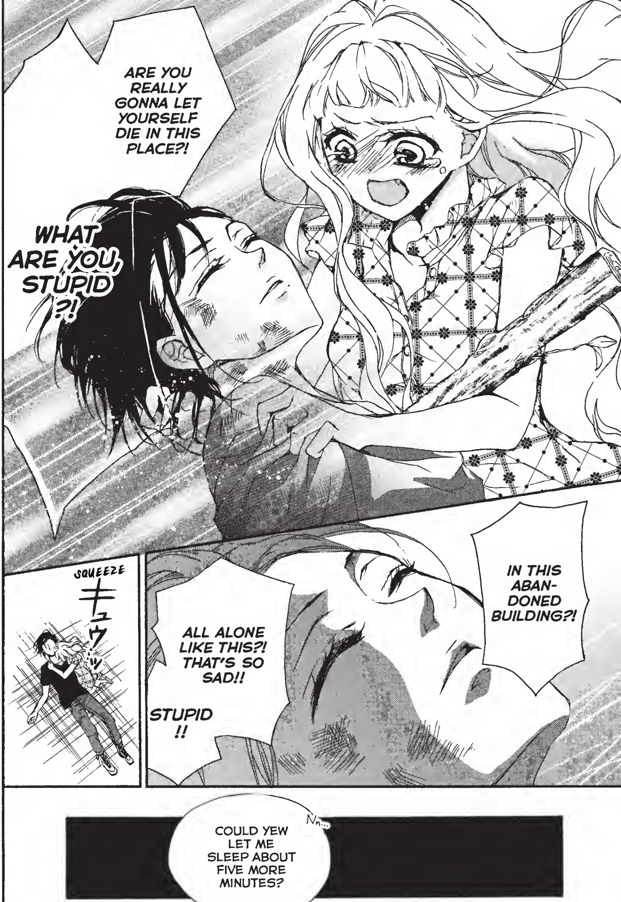

DAY AFTER DAY... I'VE BEEN ROASTING LATELY...
HUFF ぜぇ ぜぇ… HUFF
I WISH I COULD STAY INDOORS.
I'm sick and tired of this heat!
GLANCE キョロ
GLANCE キョロ
TO AND FRO うろうろ
LET'S SEE. AT THE NEXT LIGHT, I—
It's hot, isn't it?
BUMP ドン
EEK!
GOSH, TOKYO'S SO CROWDED.
SUPER-CROWDED ゾロゾロ
I JUST MOVED HERE TWO DAYS AGO.
FROM NOW ON, THIS...
Gosh...
IS THE TOWN WHERE I, TAIGA TAKACHIHO, AM GOING TO LIVE.
みーんみんみ〜ん
BZZZ BZZ BZZZZZ

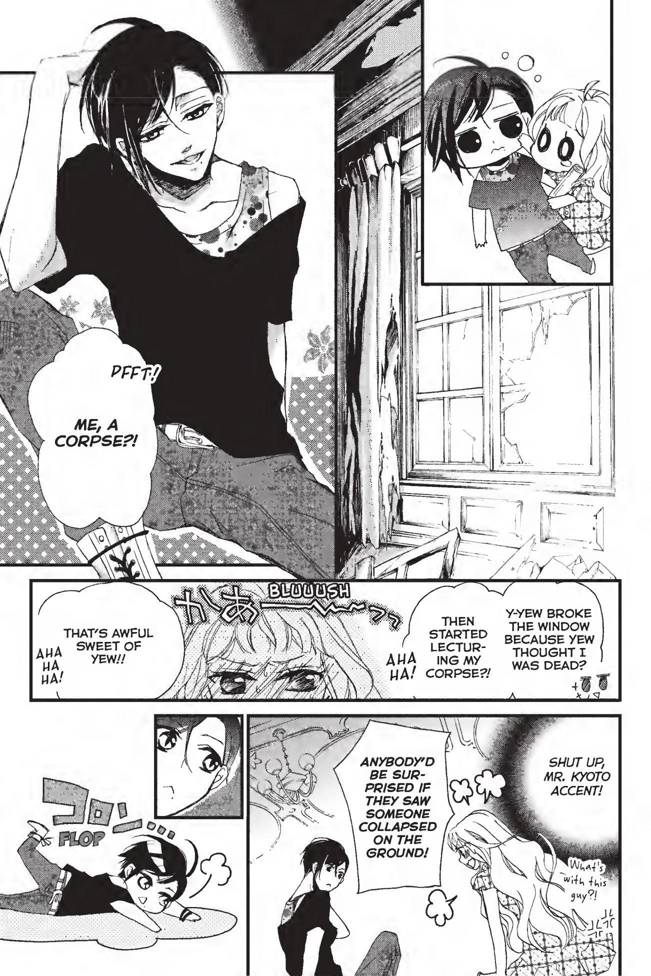

SMOOOOCH
Jeez! I said it's hot!
ぎゅっ
SQUEEZE
ドキドキ
BA-DUMP
T-TOKYO IS ONE WILD PLACE!!
BA-DUMP
ドキドキ
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
ドキドキ
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
THERE'S ONE THING...
I DECIDED TO DO...
RUSTLE
?
COULD THIS BE A SHORT CUT?
ONCE I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL...

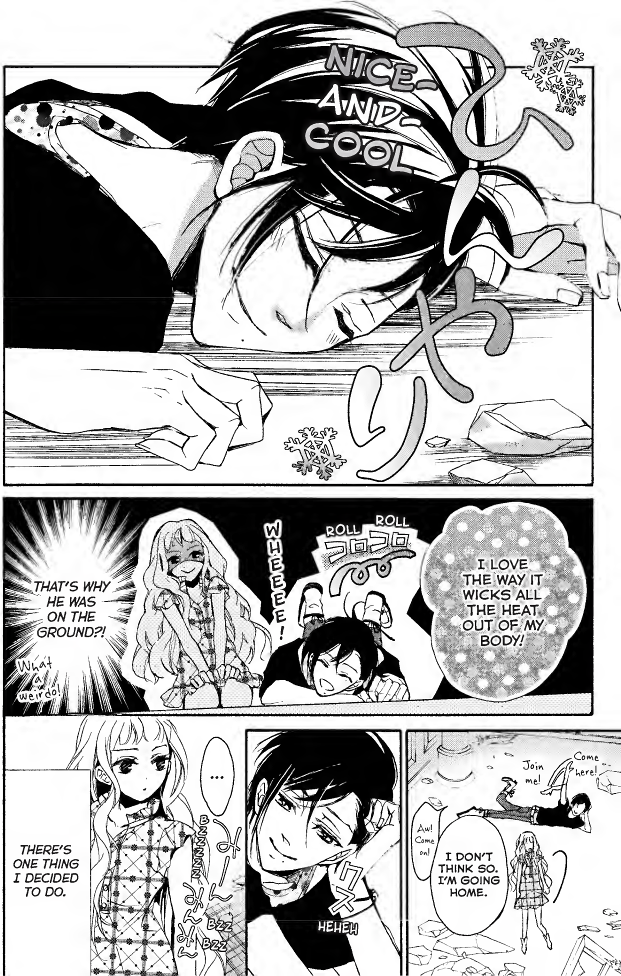

I'M GONNA HAVE A DREAMY ROMANCE WITH A GORGEOUS BOY!
... HUH?!

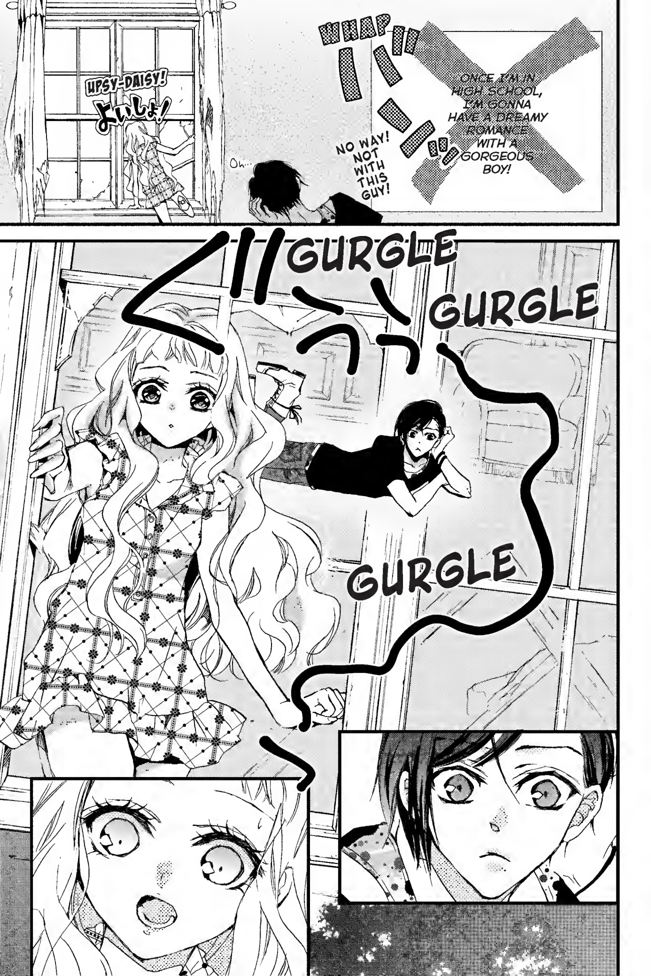

HUH?!
HUH?
HUH?
HUUUH?!
H-HE'S NOT MOVING!
FLAP
バサッ
FLAP
バサ
TWITCH
びくっ
CAW
CAW
アー
CAW
CAWWW
CAWWW
TH-THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE LIVES IN THIS PLACE...!
THIS GUY...
HE...
H-HE... HE...
HE'S DEAD!!

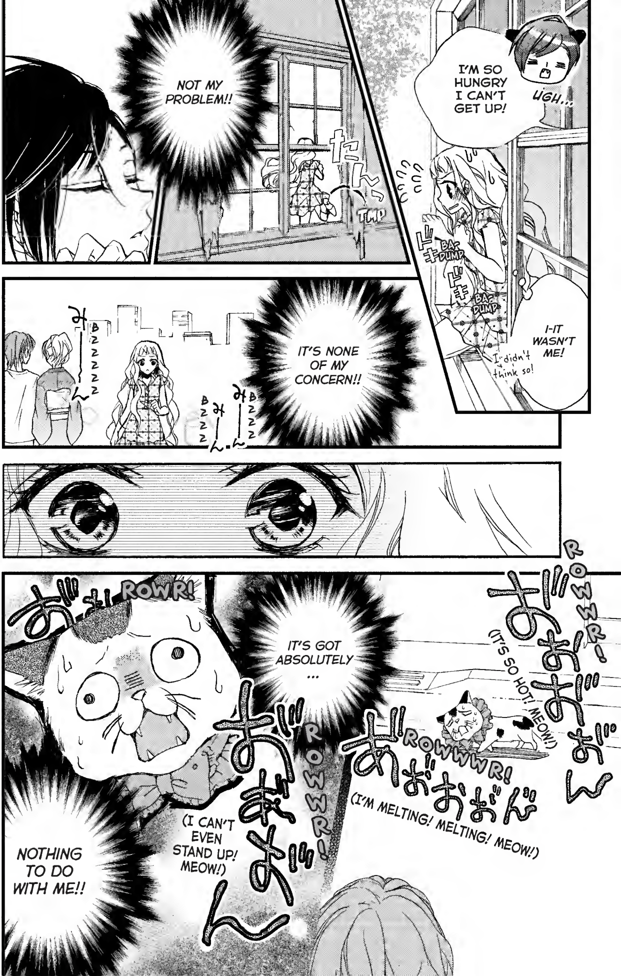

みーーん BZZZZZZZZ
みーーん BZZZZZZZZZ
みんみんみん BZZ BZZ
...!
NOPE!
I'M NOT GOING TO USE THAT...
BUT... NOPE!
BUT!!
ゴゴゴゴゴ... RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB
ゴゴゴゴゴ RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB
ゴゴ RMB RMB
ばっしゃーん CRASH

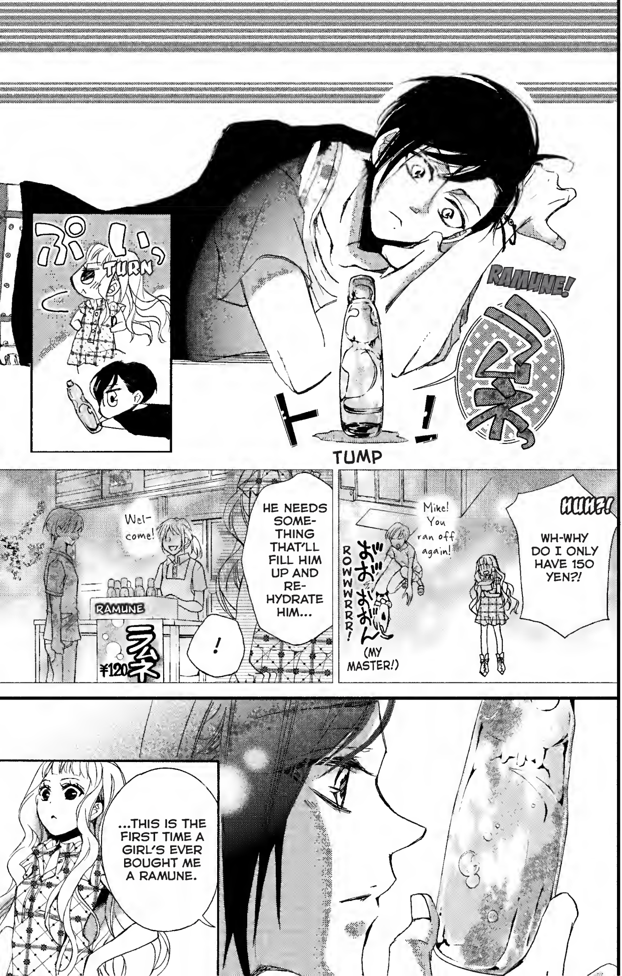

ARE YOU REALLY GONNA LET YOURSELF DIE IN THIS PLACE?!
WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID?!
IN THIS ABANDONED BUILDING?!
ALL ALONE LIKE THIS?! THAT'S SO SAD!!
STUPID!!
SQUEEZE
キュウ…
Nn...
COULD YEW LET ME SLEEP ABOUT FIVE MORE MINUTES?

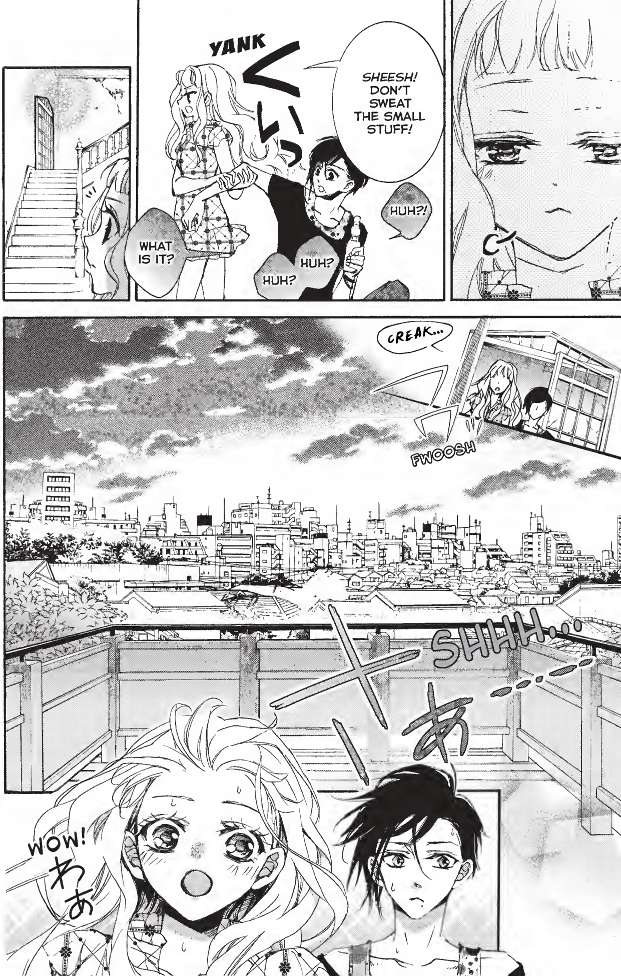

PFFT!
ME, A CORPSE?!
Y-YEW BROKE THE WINDOW BECAUSE YEW THOUGHT I WAS DEAD?
THEN STARTED LECTURING MY CORPSE?!
AHA HA!
BLUUUSH
THAT'S AWFUL SWEET OF YEW!!
AHA HA HA!
SHUT UP, MR. KYOTO ACCENT!
ANYBODY'D BE SURPRISED IF THEY SAW SOMEONE COLLAPSED ON THE GROUND!
What's with this guy?!
コロン…
FLOP

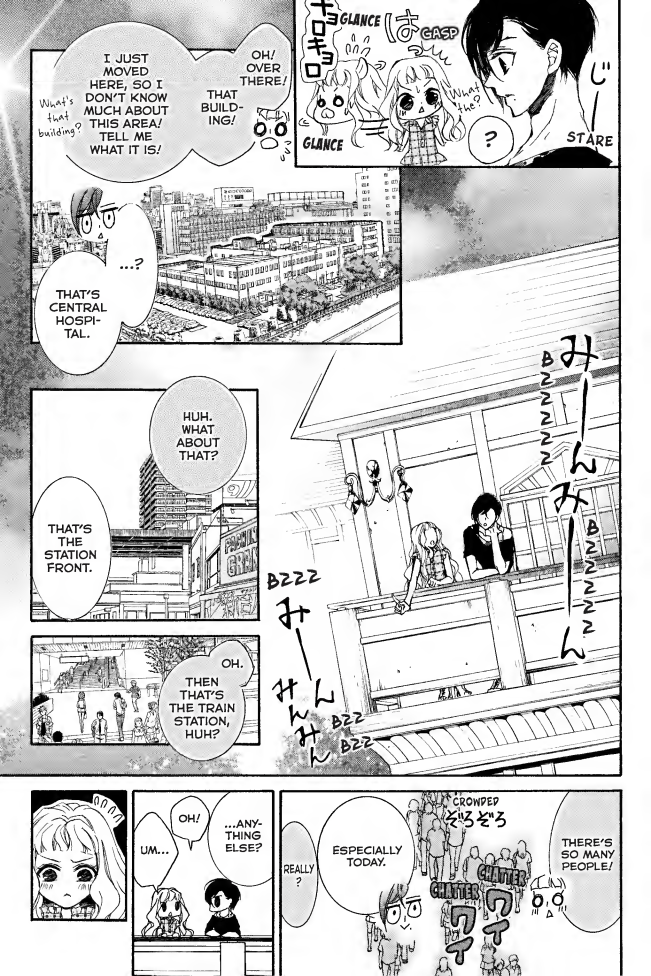

ひやり
NICE-AND-COOL
I LOVE THE WAY IT WICKS ALL THE HEAT OUT OF MY BODY!
ROLL ROLL
コロコロ
WHEEEEE!
THAT'S WHY HE WAS ON THE GROUND?!
What a weirdo!
Come here!
Join me!
I DON'T THINK SO. I'M GOING HOME.
Aw! Come on!
クス
HEHEH
...
みーんみんみん
BZZZZZ
BZZ
BZZ
THERE'S ONE THING I DECIDED TO DO.

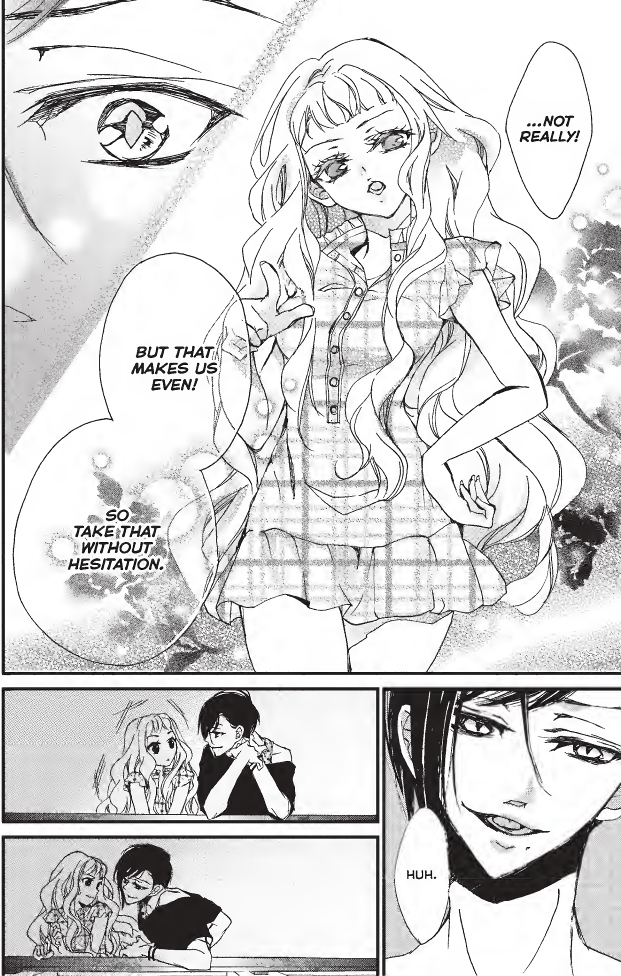

WHAP!!
バン!!
ONCE I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL, I'M GONNA HAVE A DREAMY ROMANCE WITH A GORGEOUS BOY!
NO WAY! NOT WITH THIS GUY!
Oh...
UPSY-DAISY!
よいしょ!
GURGLE
GURGLE
GURGLE

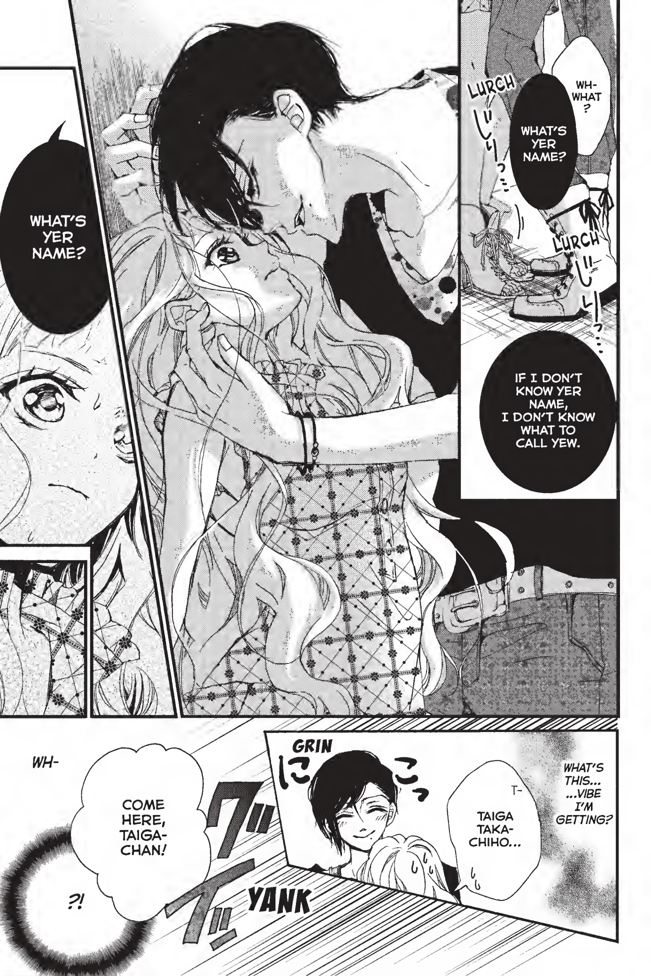

I'M SO HUNGRY I CAN'T GET UP!
UGH...
ドキ BA-DUMP
ドキ BA-DUMP
I-IT WASN'T ME!
I didn't think so!
たんっ TMP
NOT MY PROBLEM!!
みーん BZZZZZZZ
みーん BZZZ
みーん BZZZ
IT'S NONE OF MY CONCERN!!
おおおん ROWWR!
(IT'S SO HOT! MEOW!)
あおおおん ROWWWR!
(I'M MELTING! MELTING! MEOW!)
IT'S GOT ABSOLUTELY ...
おあおん ROWWR!
(I CAN'T EVEN STAND UP! MEOW!)
おあ ROWR!
NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!!

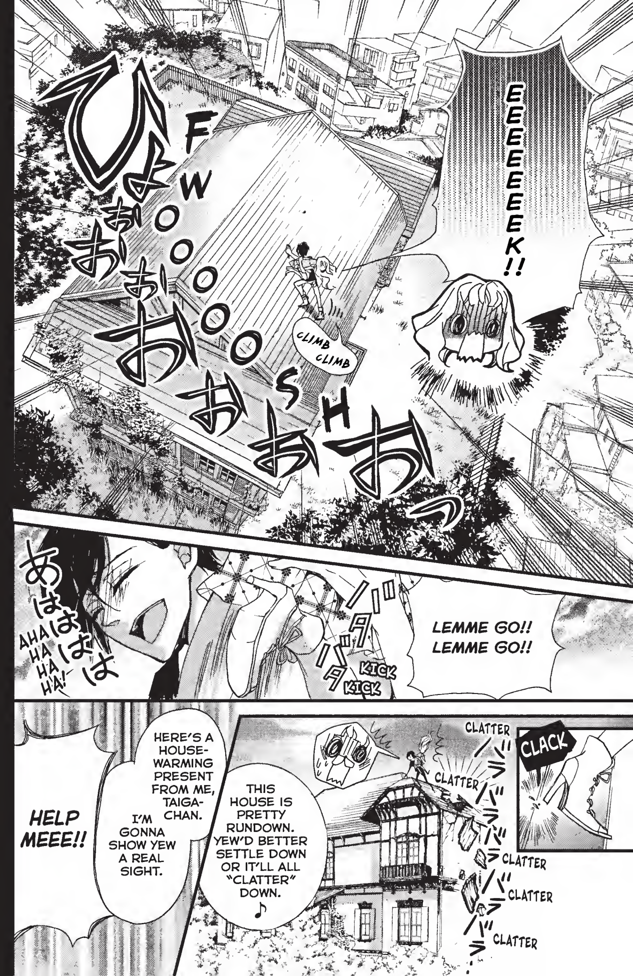

ラムネ
RAMUNE!
トン!
TUMP
ぷいっ
TURN
HUH?!
WH-WHY DO I ONLY HAVE 150 YEN?!
Mike! You ran off again!
おおおおん
ROWWWRRR!
(MY MASTER!)
HE NEEDS SOMETHING THAT'LL FILL HIM UP AND RE-HYDRATE HIM...
!
Wel-come!
RAMUNE
ラムネ
¥120
...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A GIRL'S EVER BOUGHT ME A RAMUNE.

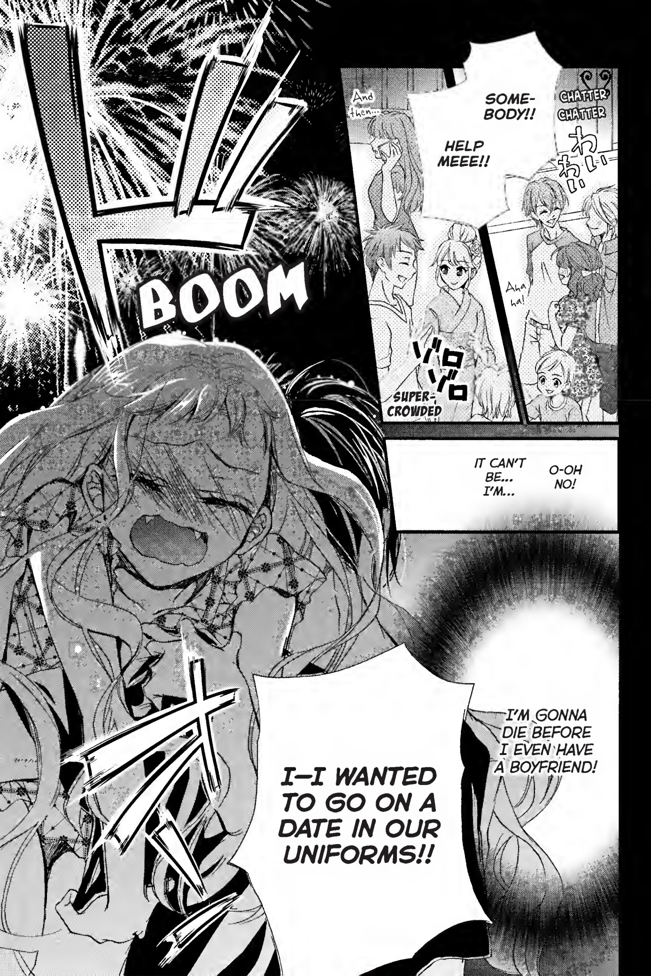

SHEESH! DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF!
YANK
くいっ
HUH?!
HUH?
HUH?
WHAT IS IT?
CREAK...
FWOOSH
SHHH...
あ
WOW!
わあ

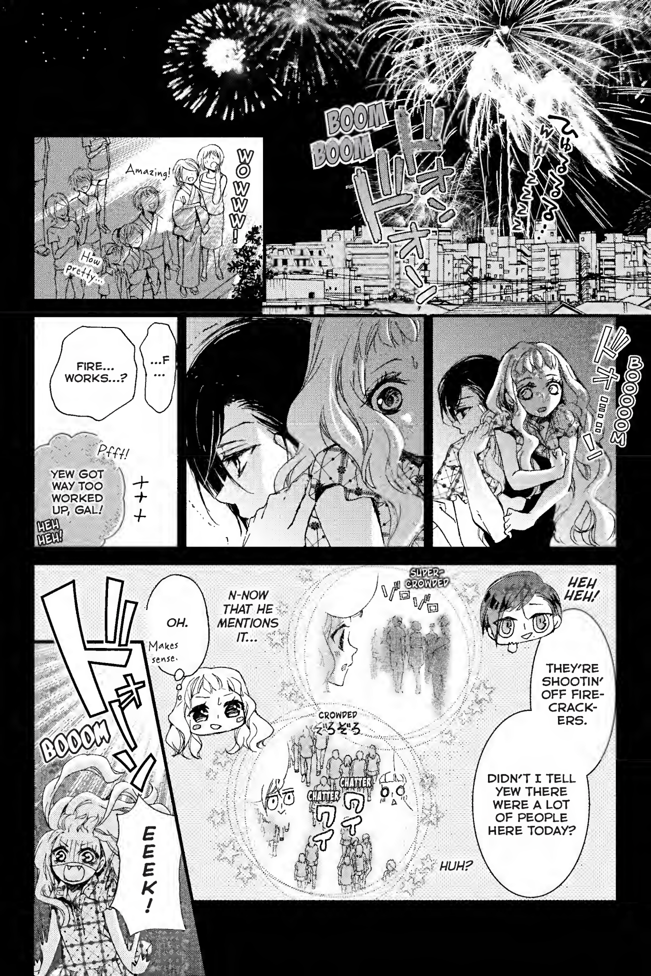

じー
STARE
?
What the?
は GASP
キョロキョロ GLANCE
GLANCE
OH! OVER THERE!
THAT BUILDING!
I JUST MOVED HERE, SO I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THIS AREA! TELL ME WHAT IT IS!
What's that building?
...?
THAT'S CENTRAL HOSPITAL.
みーんみーん
BZZZZZ
BZZZZZ
BZZZ
みーん
みんみん
BZZ
BZZ
HUH. WHAT ABOUT THAT?
THAT'S THE STATION FRONT.
OH. THEN THAT'S THE TRAIN STATION, HUH?
THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE!
CROWDED ぞろぞろ
CHATTER ワイ
CHATTER ワイ
ESPECIALLY TODAY.
REALLY?
...ANYTHING ELSE?
OH!
UM...

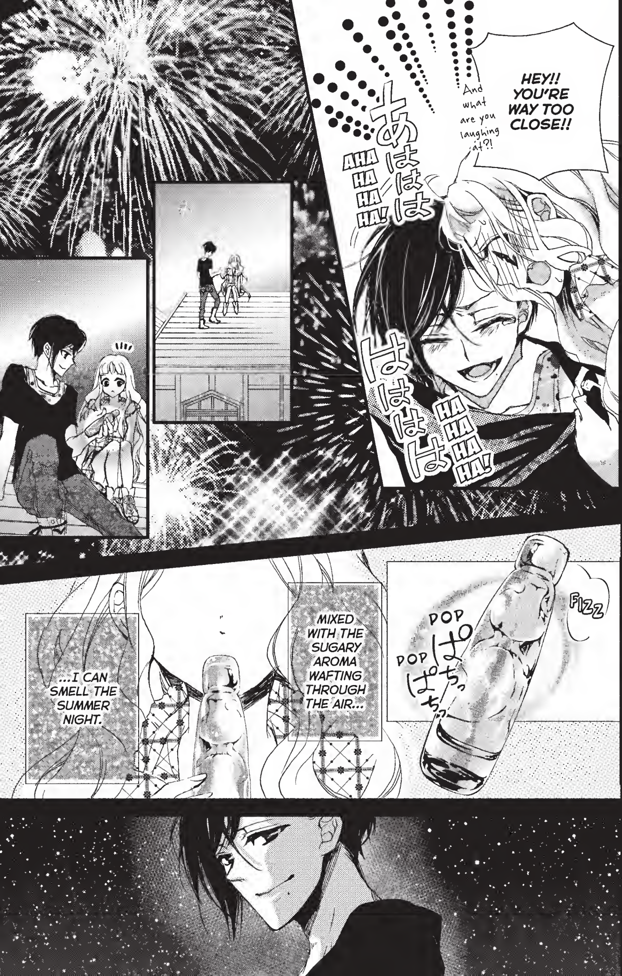

...NOT REALLY!
BUT THAT MAKES US EVEN!
SO TAKE THAT WITHOUT HESITATION.
HUH.

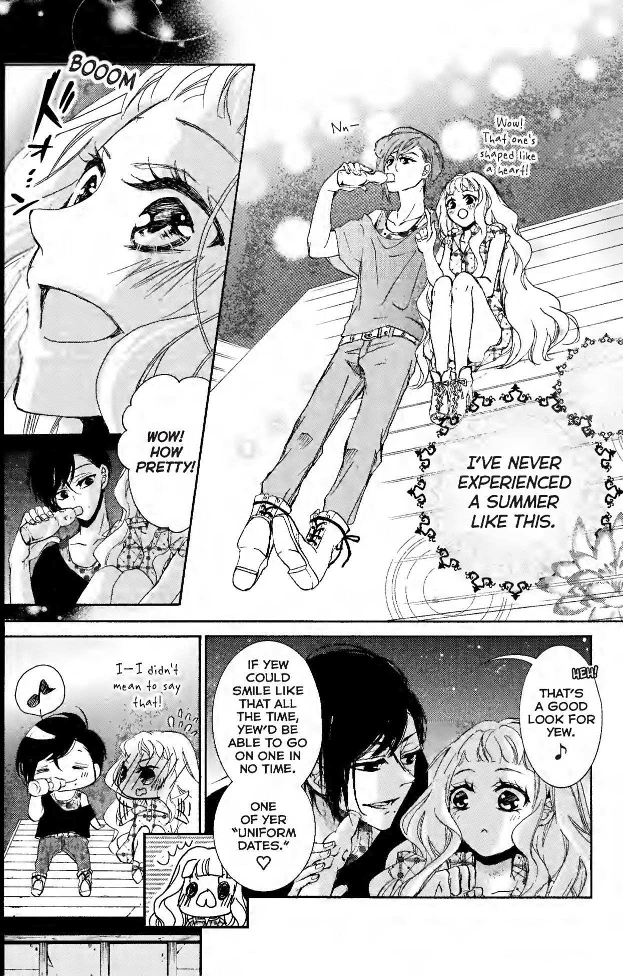

WH- WHAT?
LURCH
じりっ…
WHAT'S YER NAME?
LURCH
じりじりっ…
IF I DON'T KNOW YER NAME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CALL YEW.
WHAT'S YER NAME?
WHAT'S THIS... ...VIBE I'M GETTING?
T- TAIGA TAKA-CHIHO...
GRIN
にこっ
COME HERE, TAIGA-CHAN!
グイ
YANK
WH-
?!

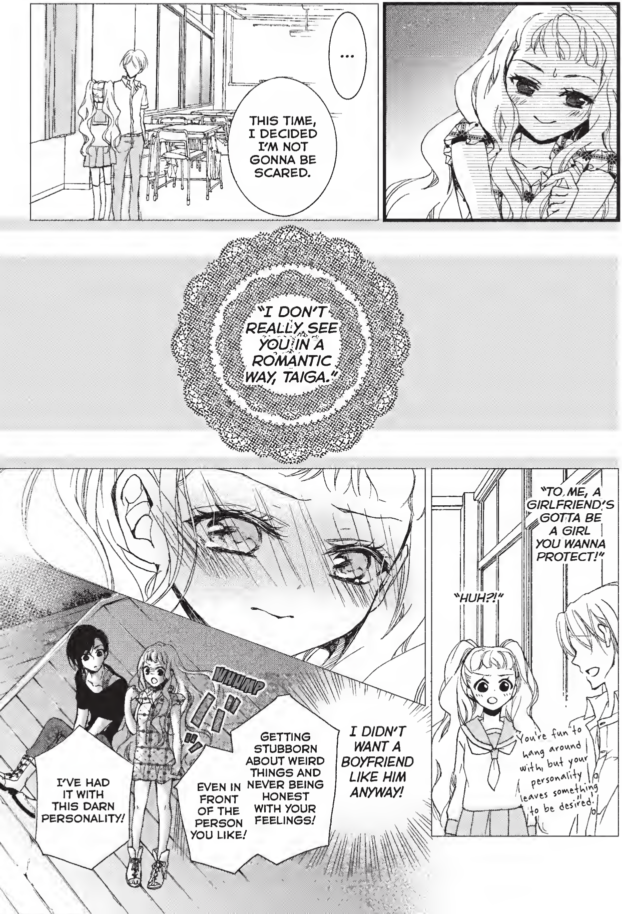

EEEEEEEEEK!!
CLIMB CLIMB
ひょおおおおおおっ
FWOOOOOOSH
LEMME GO!! LEMME GO!!
バタバタ
KICK KICK
あははははは
AHAHAHAHA!
CLACK
CLATTER
バラバラバラバラ
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
THIS HOUSE IS PRETTY RUNDOWN. YEW'D BETTER SETTLE DOWN OR IT'LL ALL "CLATTER" DOWN. ♪
HERE'S A HOUSE-WARMING PRESENT FROM ME, TAIGA-CHAN.
I'M GONNA SHOW YEW A REAL SIGHT.
HELP MEEE!!

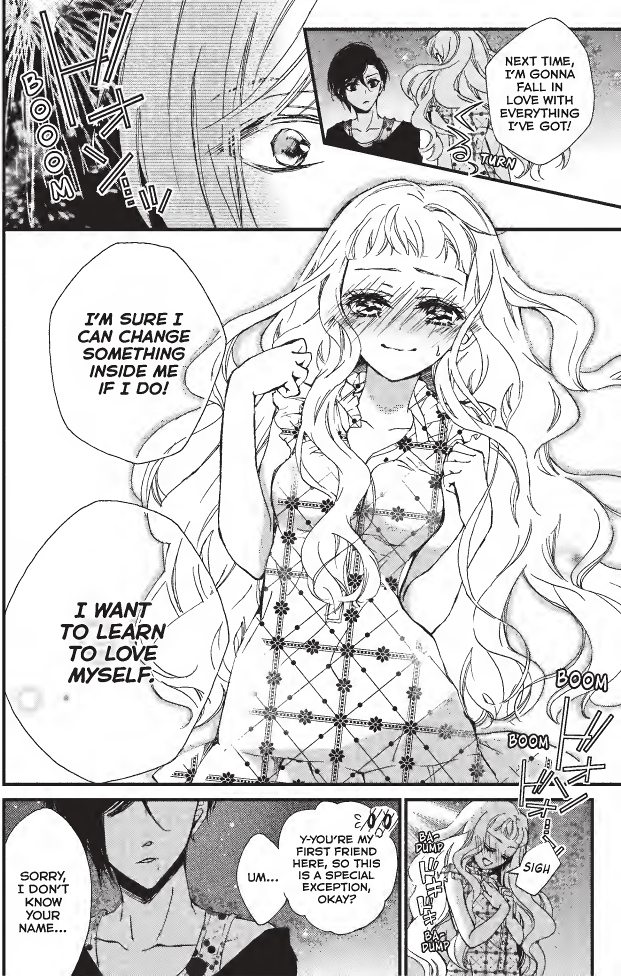

CHATTER CHATTER
わいわい
SOMEBODY!! HELP MEEE!!
And then...
Aha ha!
SUPER-CROWDED
ゾロゾロ
O-OH NO!
IT CAN'T BE... I'M...
BOOM
I'M GONNA DIE BEFORE I EVEN HAVE A BOYFRIEND!
I—I WANTED TO GO ON A DATE IN OUR UNIFORMS!!

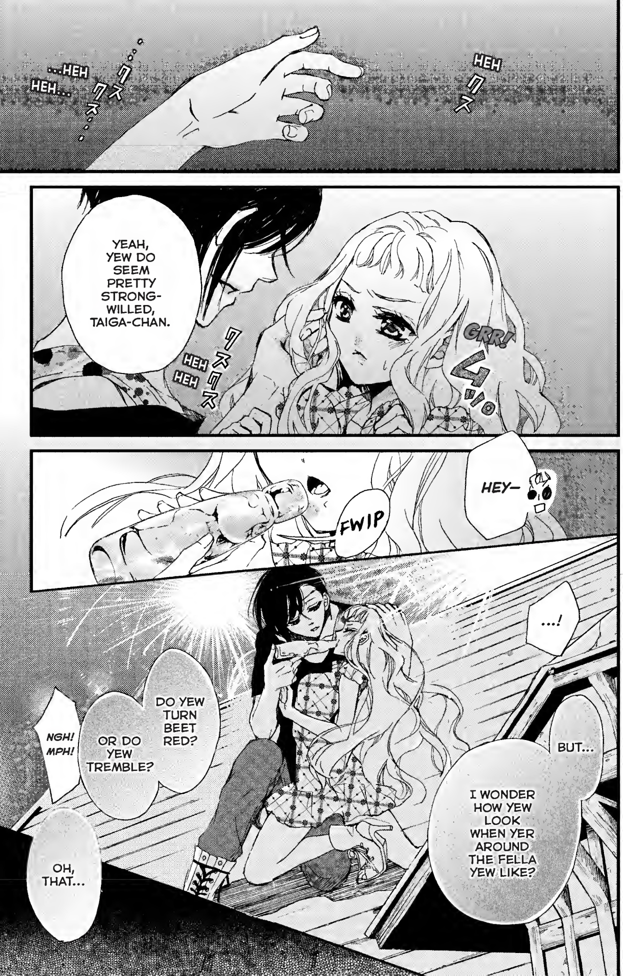

ひゅるるる…
WH-NNNNN
ドドォーン
ドォーン
BOOM
BOOM
WOWWW!
Amazing!
How pretty...
ドォ…
BOOOOOOM!
…F …
FIRE... WORKS...?
Pfft!
YEW GOT WAY TOO WORKED UP, GAL!
HEH HEH!
HEH HEH!
THEY'RE SHOOTIN' OFF FIRE-CRACKERS.
DIDN'T I TELL YEW THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE TODAY?
HUH?
ゾロゾロ
SUPER-CROWDED
N-NOW THAT HE MENTIONS IT...
ぞろぞろ
CROWDED
ワイワイ
CHATTER
CHATTER
OH.
Makes sense.
ドォーン
BOOOM
EEEEK!

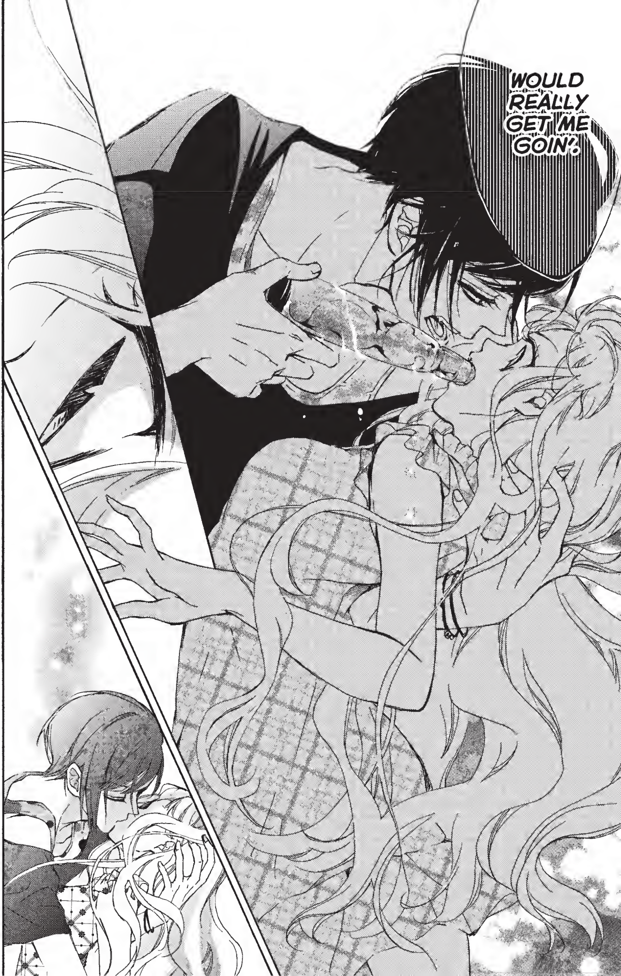

HEY!! YOU'RE WAY TOO CLOSE!!
And what are you laughing at?!
あははは
AHA HA HA HA!
ははは
HA HA HA HA!
FIZZ
POP ぱちっ
POP ぱちっ
MIXED WITH THE SUGARY AROMA WAFTING THROUGH THE AIR...
...I CAN SMELL THE SUMMER NIGHT.

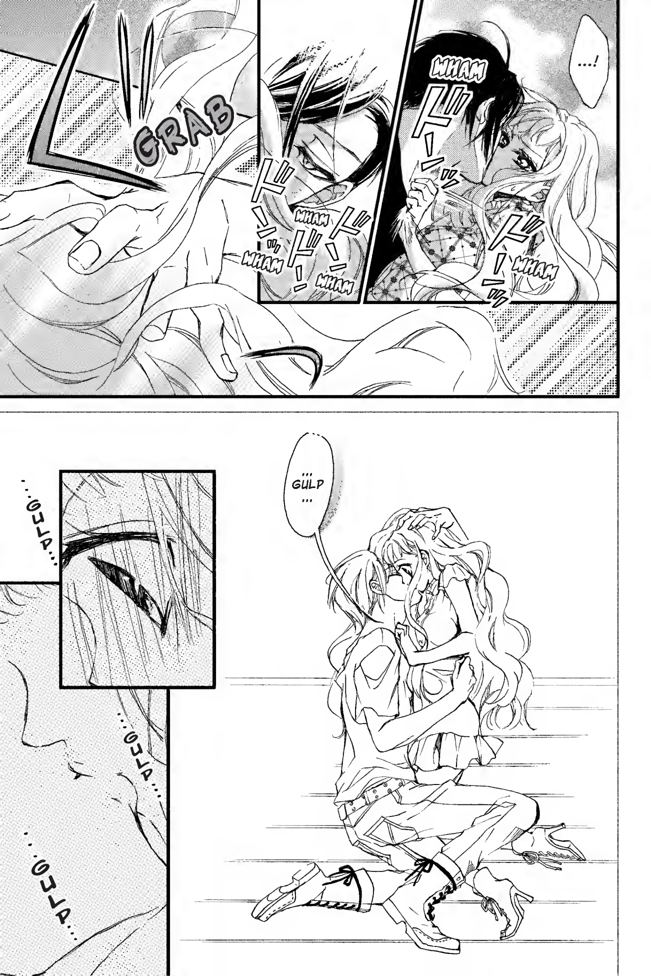

BOOOM
ドォ…ン
Wow! That one's shaped like a heart!
Nn—
WOW! HOW PRETTY!
I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED A SUMMER LIKE THIS.
HEH!
THAT'S A GOOD LOOK FOR YEW. ♪
IF YEW COULD SMILE LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME, YEW'D BE ABLE TO GO ON ONE IN NO TIME.
ONE OF YER "UNIFORM DATES." ♡
I—I didn't mean to say that!

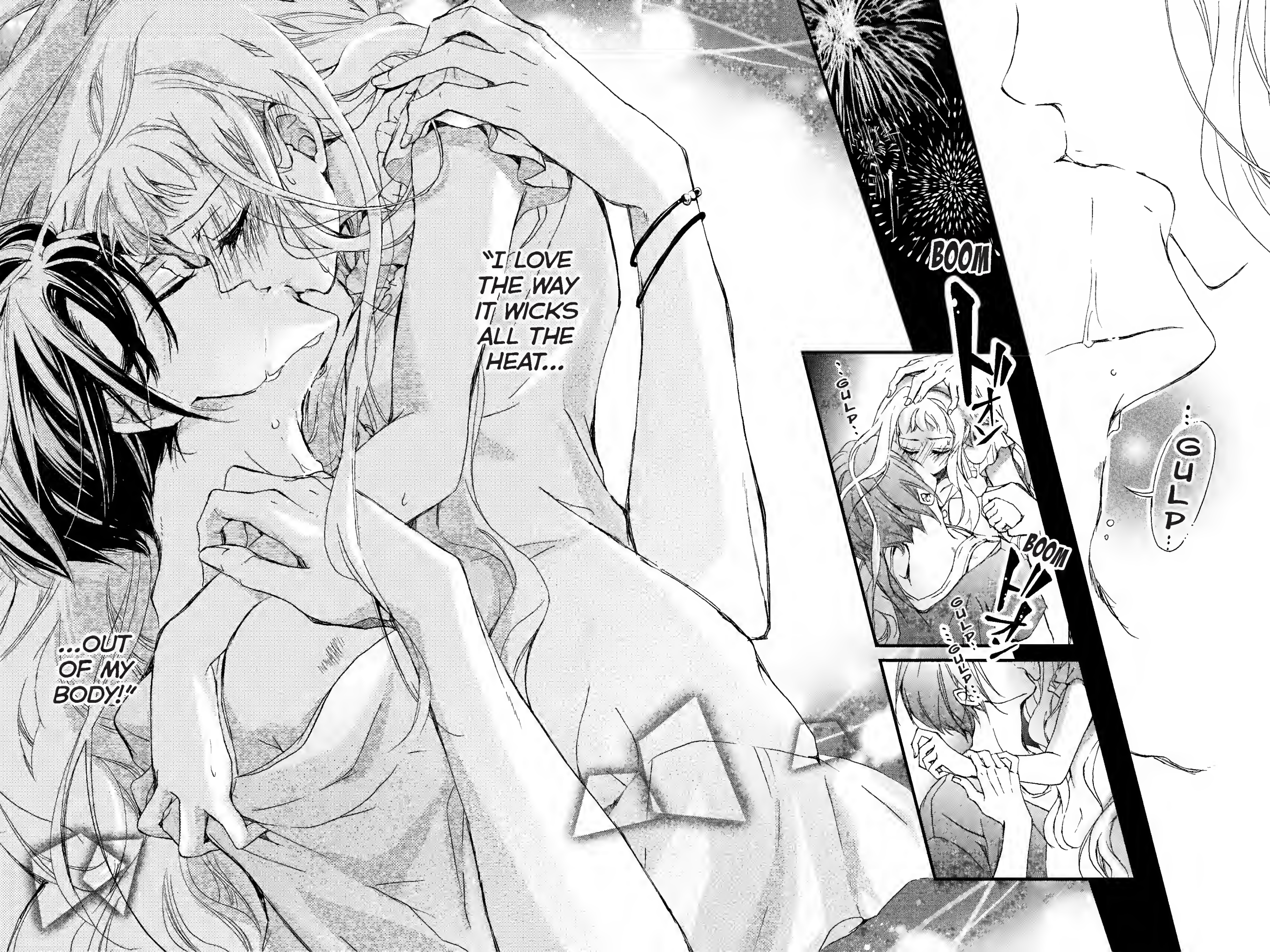

...
THIS TIME, I DECIDED I'M NOT GONNA BE SCARED.
"I DON'T REALLY SEE YOU IN A ROMANTIC WAY, TAIGA."
"TO ME, A GIRLFRIEND'S GOTTA BE A GIRL YOU WANNA PROTECT!"
"HUH?!"
You're fun to hang around with, but your personality leaves something to be desired.
I DIDN'T WANT A BOYFRIEND LIKE HIM ANYWAY!
WHUMP
GETTING STUBBORN ABOUT WEIRD THINGS AND NEVER BEING HONEST WITH YOUR FEELINGS!
EVEN IN FRONT OF THE PERSON YOU LIKE!
I'VE HAD IT WITH THIS DARN PERSONALITY!

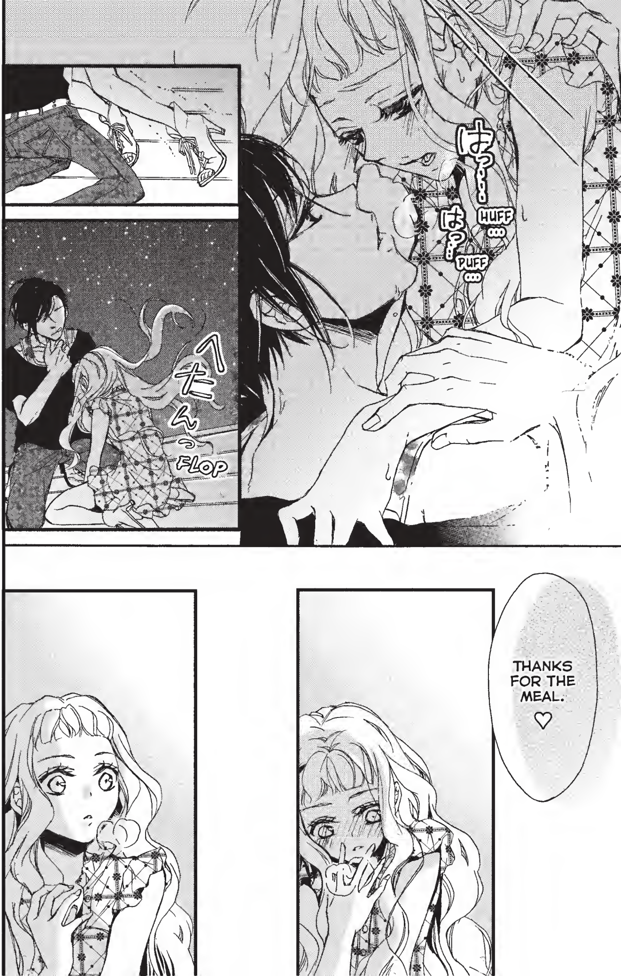

NEXT TIME, I'M GONNA FALL IN LOVE WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT!
TURN
BOOOOM
I'M SURE I CAN CHANGE SOMETHING INSIDE ME IF I DO!
I WANT TO LEARN TO LOVE MYSELF.
BOOM
BOOM
BA-DUMP
SIGH
BA-DUMP
Y-YOU'RE MY FIRST FRIEND HERE, SO THIS IS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION, OKAY?
UM...
SORRY, I DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME...

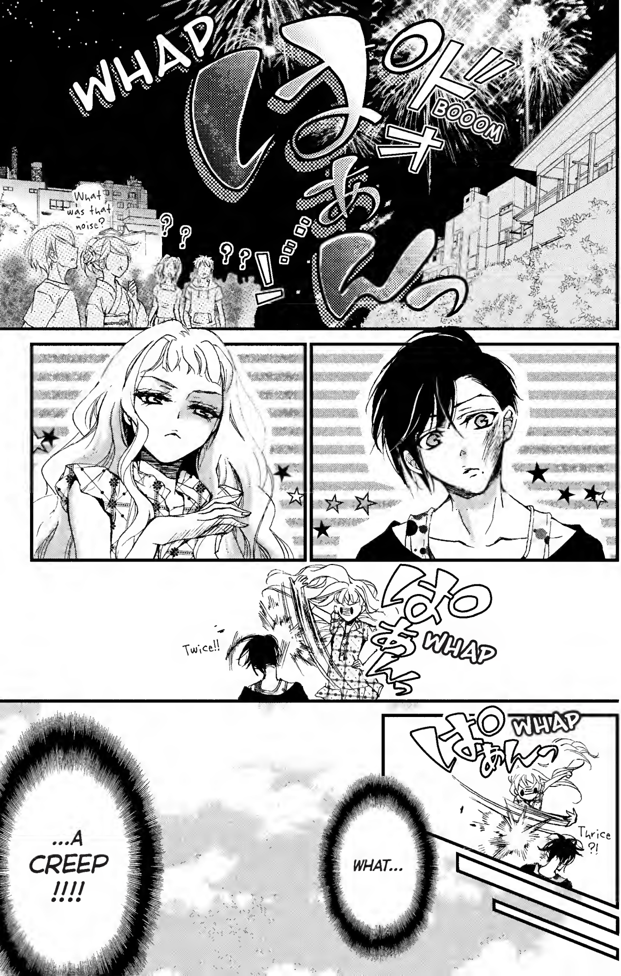

HEH
クス
...HEH
HEH...
...クス
クス...
GRR!
ムッ!!
YEAH, YEW DO SEEM PRETTY STRONG-WILLED, TAIGA-CHAN.
HEH
HEH
クスクス
HEY—
FWIP
...!
BUT...
I WONDER HOW YEW LOOK WHEN YER AROUND THE FELLA YEW LIKE?
DO YEW TURN BEET RED?
OR DO YEW TREMBLE?
NGH! MPH!
OH, THAT...

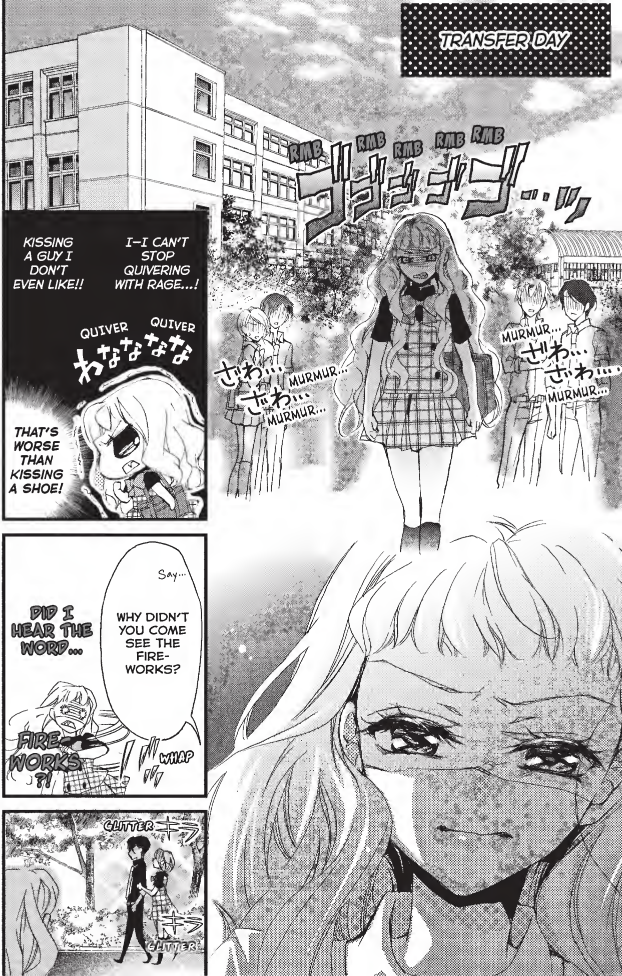

WOULD REALLY GET ME GOIN'!

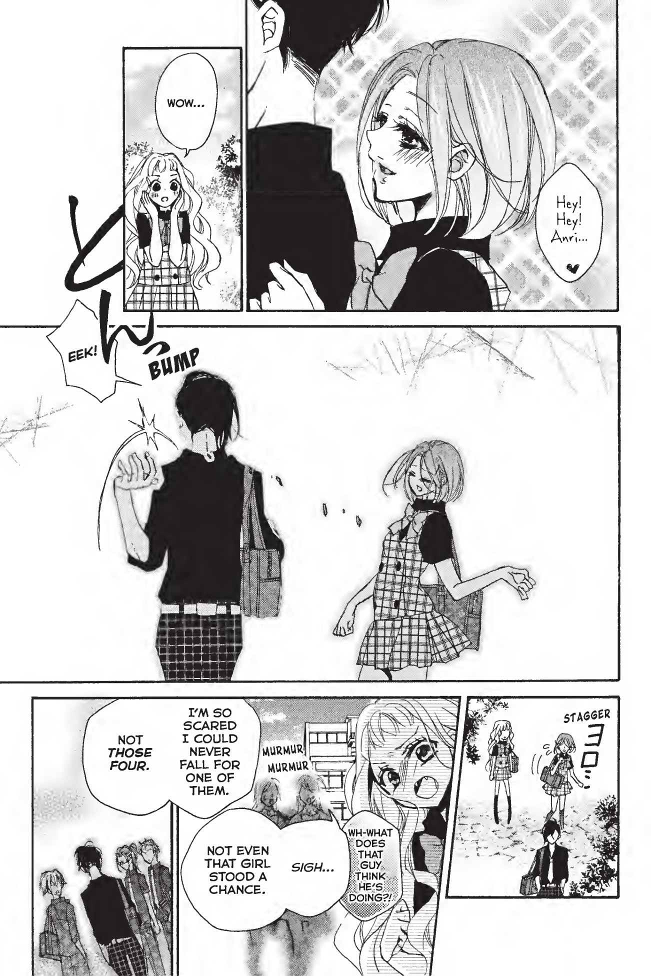

...!
WHAM
ドドド
WHAM
ドドド
WHAM
ドド
WHAM
ドド
WHAM
GRAB
...GULP...
...GULP...
...GULP...
...GULP...

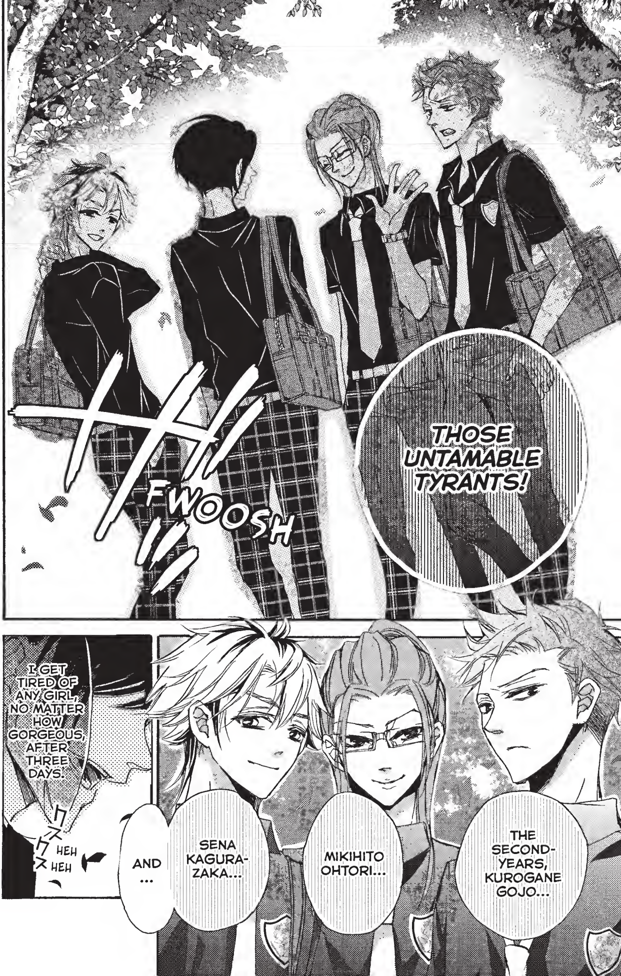

...GULP...
BOOM
ドォン
...GULP...
BOOM
ド!!オン
...GULP...
...GULP...
"I LOVE THE WAY IT WICKS ALL THE HEAT...
...OUT OF MY BODY!"

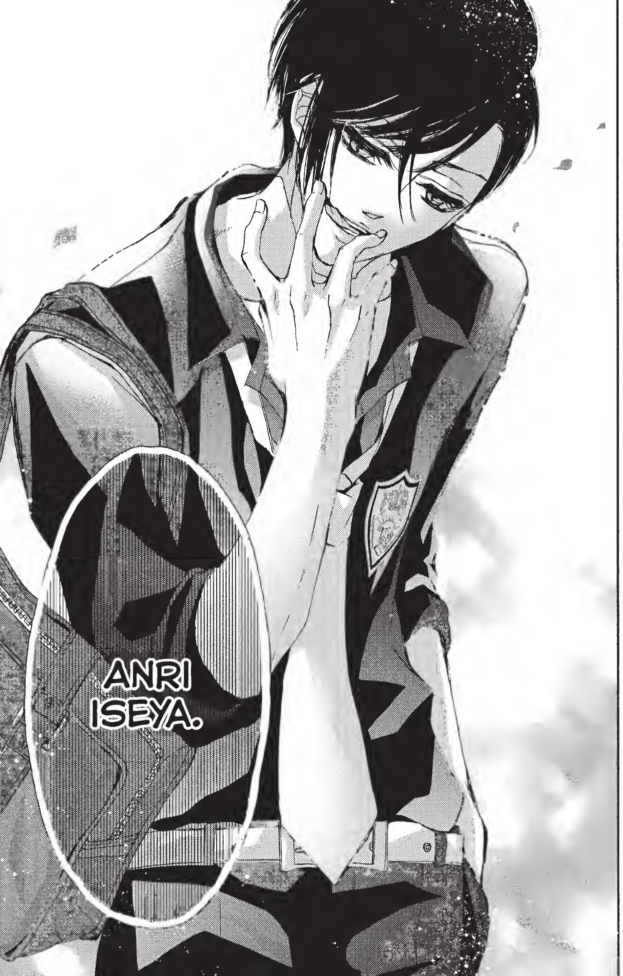

はっ…
HUFF…
は…
PUFF…
へたんっ
FLOP
THANKS FOR THE MEAL. ♡

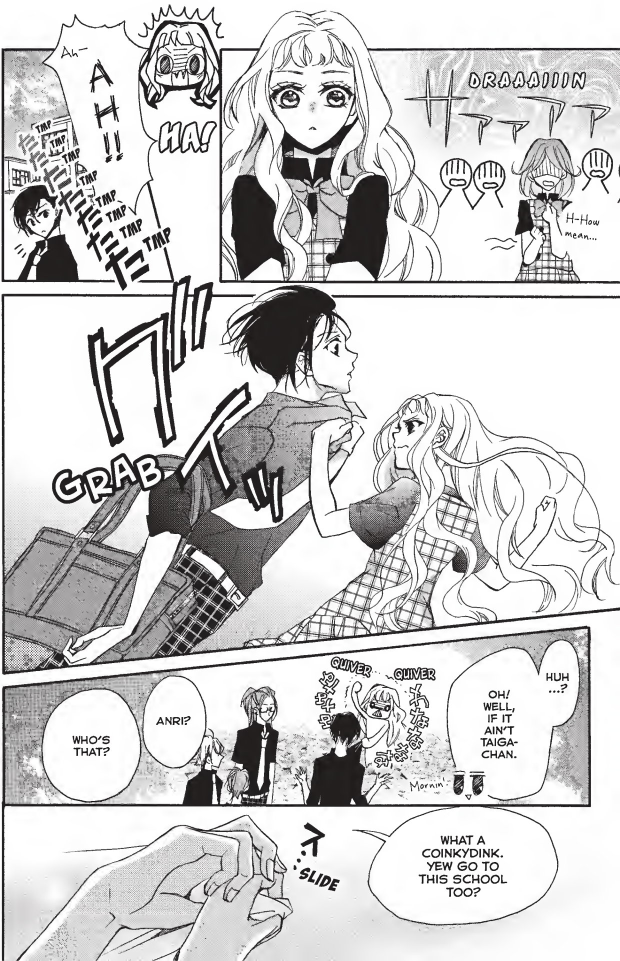

ドォ
BOOOM
ばぁんっ
WHAP
!...
??
??
What was that noise?
ばぁんっ
WHAP
Twice!!
ばぁんっ
WHAP
Thrice?!
WHAT...
...A CREEP!!!!

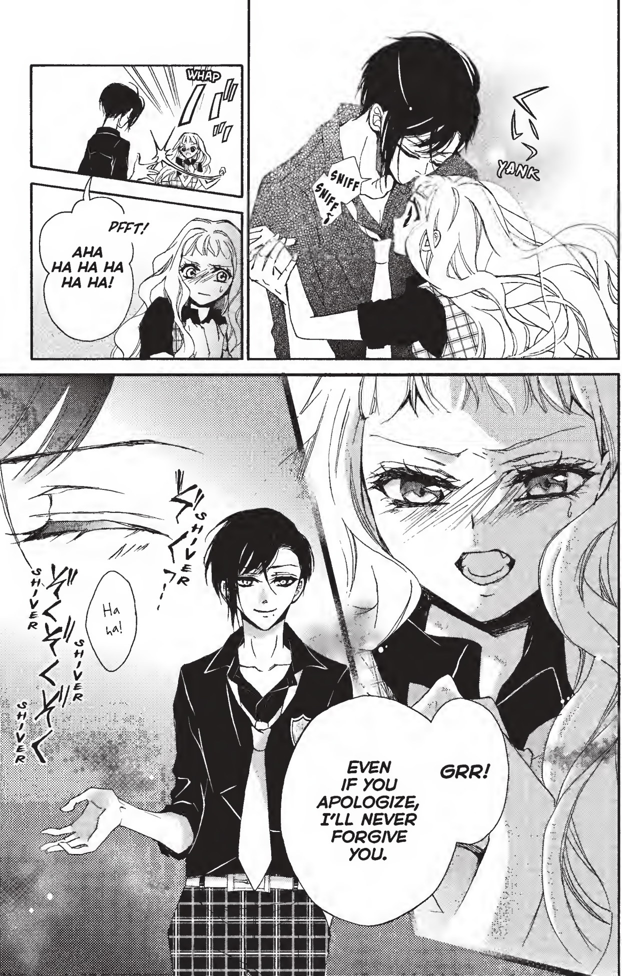

TRANSFER DAY
RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB
ゴゴゴゴゴ…ッ
MURMUR…
ざわ… ざわ…
MURMUR…
ざわ… MURMUR…
ざわ… MURMUR…
I—I CAN'T STOP QUIVERING WITH RAGE…!
KISSING A GUY I DON'T EVEN LIKE!!
QUIVER QUIVER
わなななな
THAT'S WORSE THAN KISSING A SHOE!
Say…
WHY DIDN'T YOU COME SEE THE FIRE-WORKS?
DID I HEAR THE WORD…
FIRE-WORKS ?!
WHAP
GLITTER キラ
キラ GLITTER

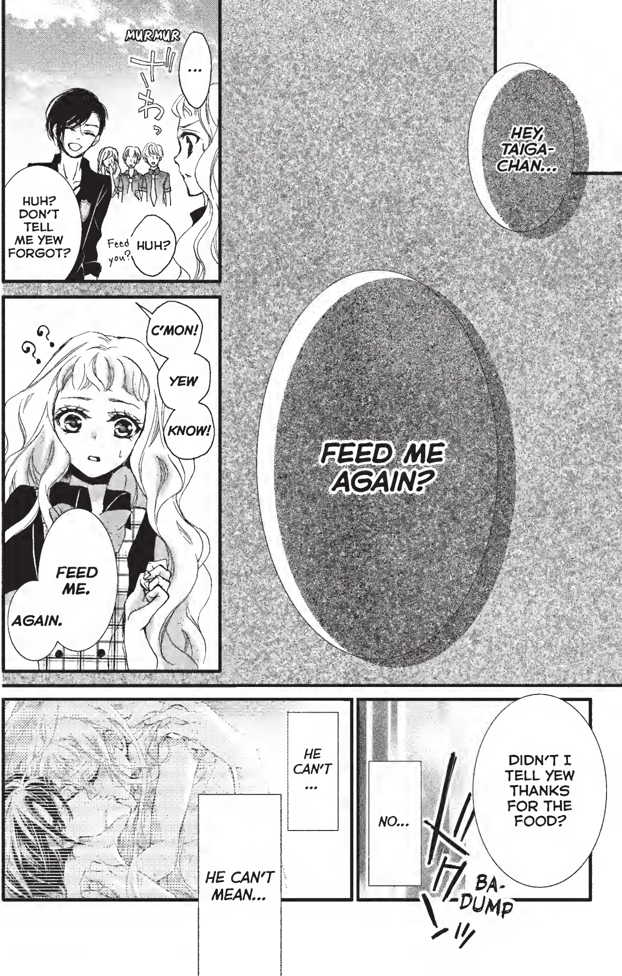

Hey! Hey! Anri... ♥
WOW...
とんっ
BUMP
EEK!
STAGGER
ヨロ…
WH-WHAT DOES THAT GUY THINK HE'S DOING?!
MURMUR MURMUR
I'M SO SCARED I COULD NEVER FALL FOR ONE OF THEM.
SIGH...
NOT EVEN THAT GIRL STOOD A CHANCE.
NOT *THOSE* FOUR.

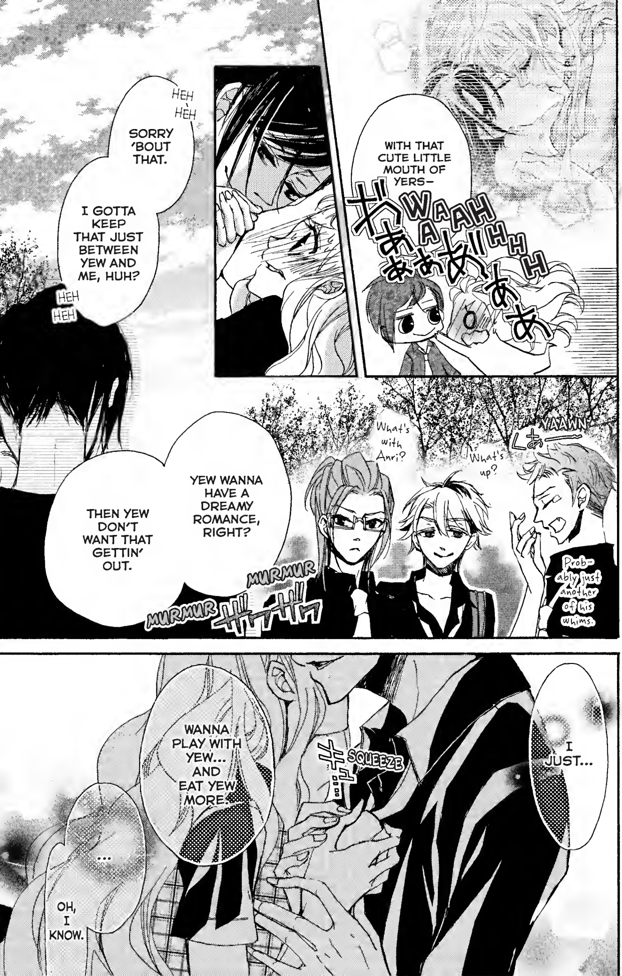

THOSE UNTAMABLE TYRANTS!
FWOOSH
THE SECOND-YEARS, KUROGANE GOJO...
MIKIHITO OHTORI...
SENA KAGURAZAKA...
AND ...
I GET TIRED OF ANY GIRL, NO MATTER HOW GORGEOUS, AFTER THREE DAYS.
クスクス HEH HEH

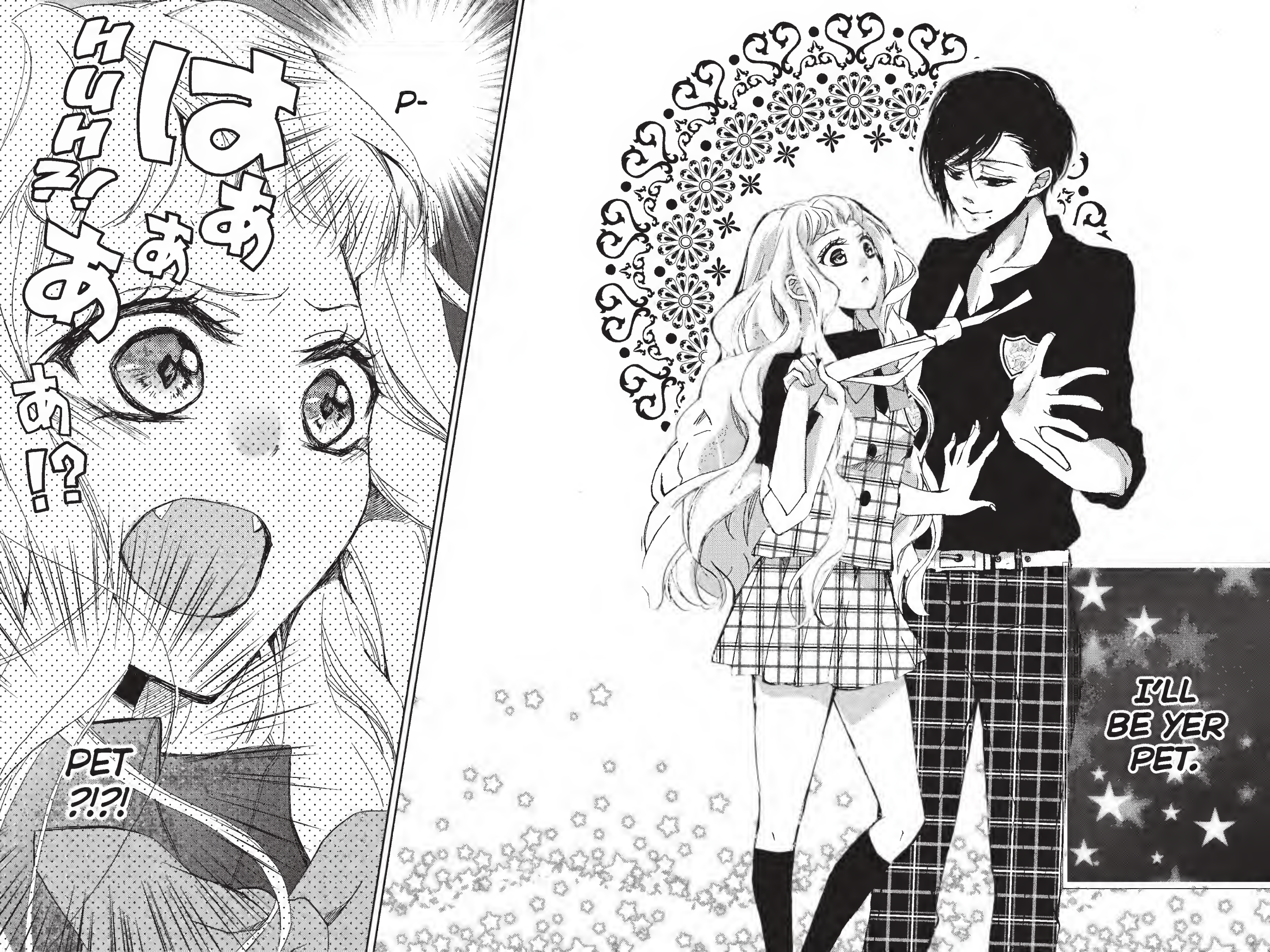

ANRI
ISEYA.

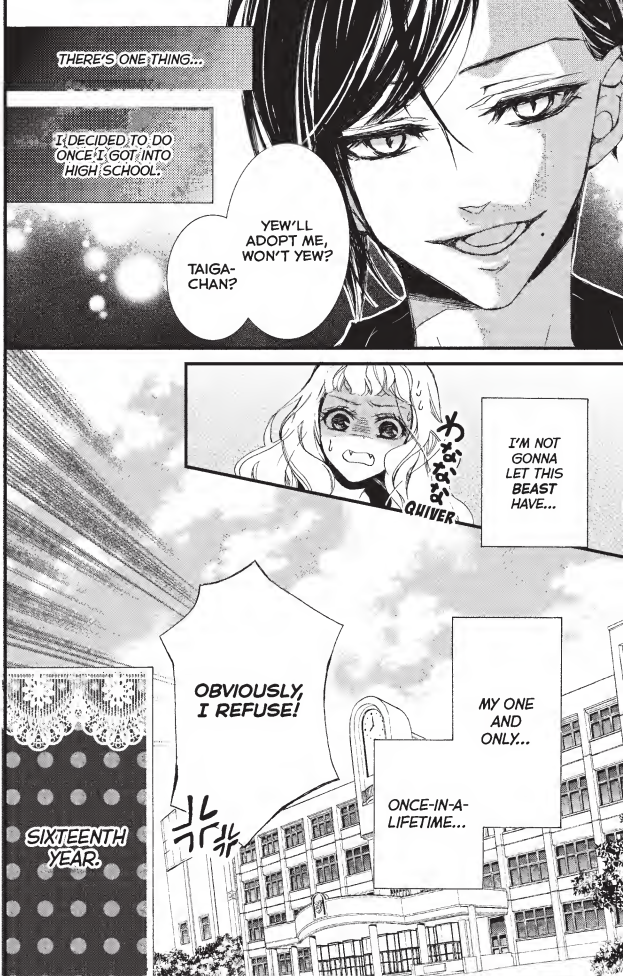
DRAAAIIIN
H-How mean...
Ah—
AH!!
HA!
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
GRAB
QUIVER QUIVER
HUH ...?
OH! WELL, IF IT AIN'T TAIGA-CHAN.
Mornin'
ANRI?
WHO'S THAT?
WHAT A COINKYDINK. YEW GO TO THIS SCHOOL TOO?
SLIDE


YANK
SNIFF SNIFF
WHAP
PFFT! AHA HA HA HA HA HA!
GRR!
EVEN IF YOU APOLOGIZE, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU.
Ha ha!
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER


HEY, TAIGA-CHAN...
...
MURMUR
ザわっ
HUH? DON'T TELL ME YEW FORGOT?
HUH?
Feed you?
C'MON!
YEW
KNOW!
FEED ME.
AGAIN.
FEED ME AGAIN?
DIDN'T I TELL YEW THANKS FOR THE FOOD?
NO...
BA-DUMP
HE CAN'T ...
HE CAN'T MEAN...

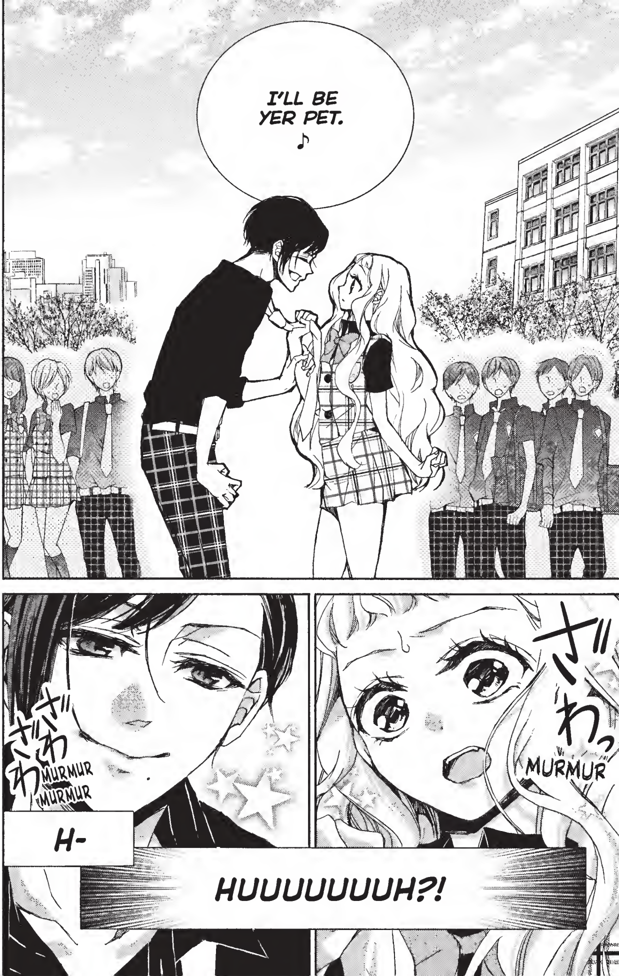

WITH THAT CUTE LITTLE MOUTH OF YERS–
ぎゃあぁぁあ〜ああ
WAAAAHHHHH
HEH HEH
SORRY 'BOUT THAT.
I GOTTA KEEP THAT JUST BETWEEN YEW AND ME, HUH?
HEH HEH
YAAWN
くぁー
What's up?
What's with Anri?
Probably just another of his whims.
YEW WANNA HAVE A DREAMY ROMANCE, RIGHT?
THEN YEW DON'T WANT THAT GETTIN' OUT.
MURMUR
MURMUR
ザワザワ
I JUST...
WANNA PLAY WITH YEW... AND EAT YEW MORE.
キュ...
SQUEEZE
...
OH, I KNOW.

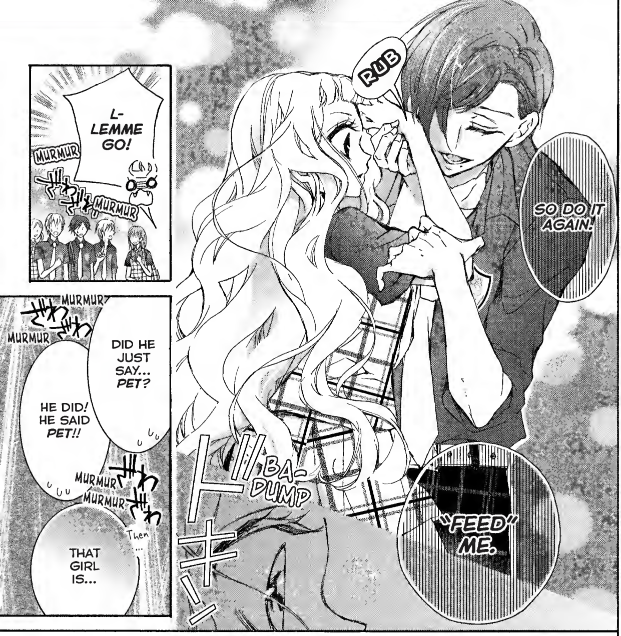

I'LL BE YER PET.
P-
はあぁあぁ!?
HUH?!
PET ?!?!


THERE'S ONE THING...
I DECIDED TO DO ONCE I GOT INTO HIGH SCHOOL.
YEW'LL ADOPT ME, WON'T YEW? TAIGA-CHAN?
わななな
QUIVER
I'M NOT GONNA LET THIS BEAST HAVE...
MY ONE AND ONLY...
ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME...
OBVIOUSLY, I REFUSE!
SIXTEENTH YEAR.

TRAP 2

Gooey, Melted Chocolate


I'LL BE YER PET. ♪
ざわっ
MURMUR
ざわざわ
MURMUR MURMUR
H-
HUUUUUUUH?!


RUB
SO DO IT AGAIN!
"FEED" ME.
L-LEMME GO!
MURMUR
ざわざわ
MURMUR
DID HE JUST SAY... PET?
MURMUR ざわ
MURMUR ざわ
HE DID! HE SAID PET!!
MURMUR ざわ
MURMUR ざわ
THAT GIRL IS...
Then...
BA-DUMP

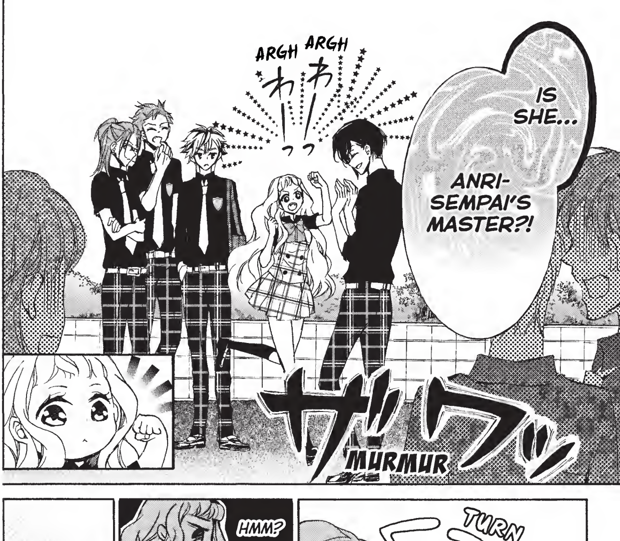
1. GREETINGS

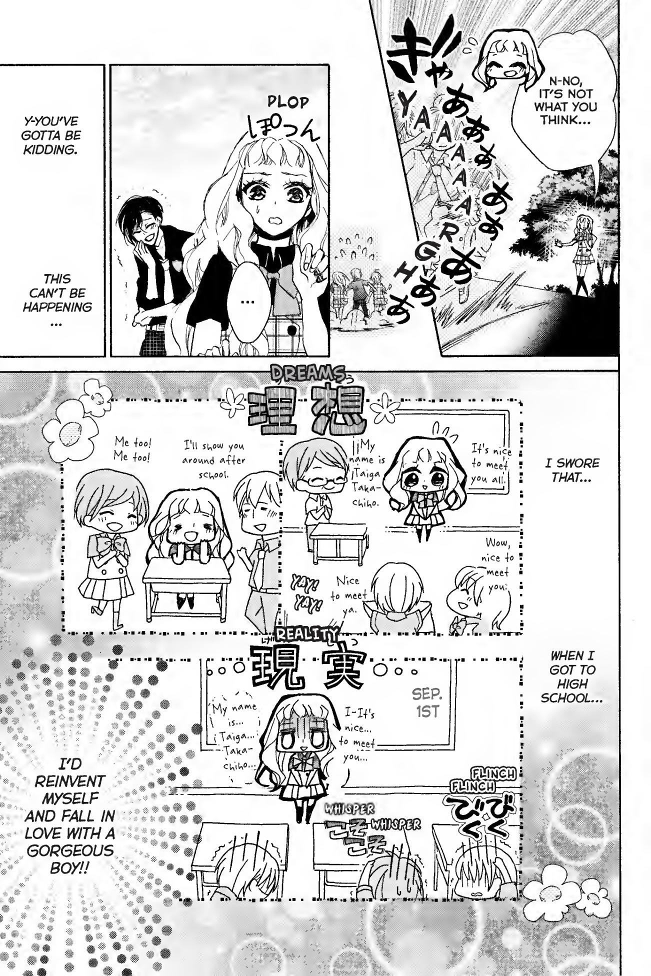
TO ALL YOU FIRST-TIMERS AND RETURN READERS...

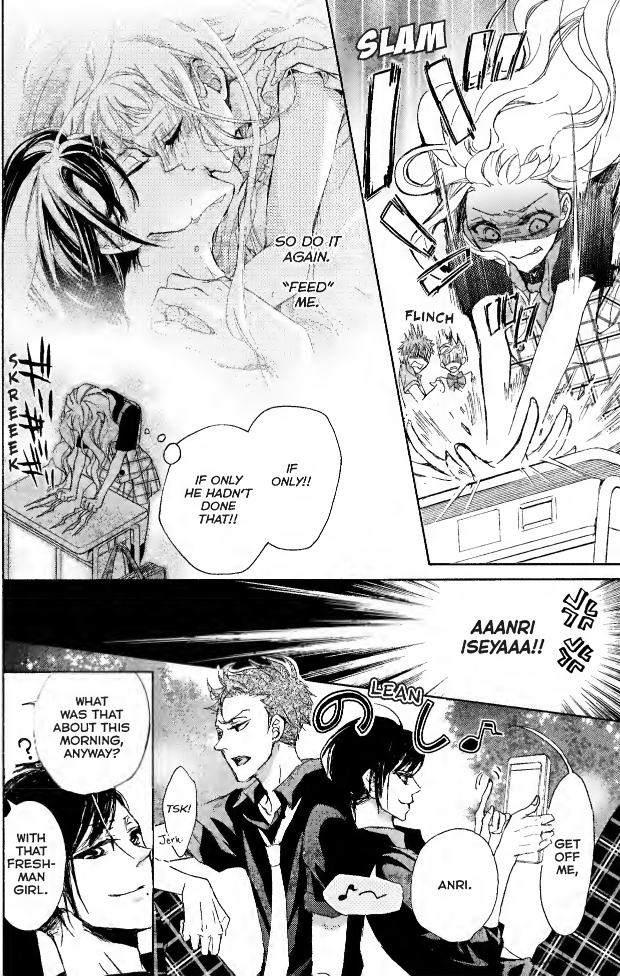
HELLO, THIS IS
PEDORO TORIUMI!!

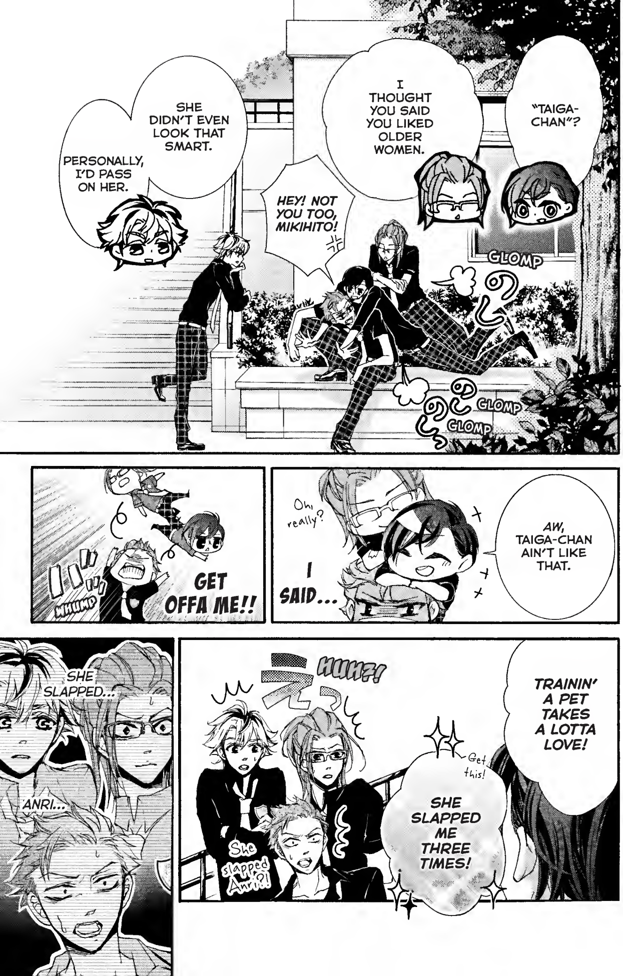
THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN" VOL.1!! WE'RE ONLY THROUGH THE FIRST CHAPTER AND ALREADY THERE ARE FOUR MEN AND KISSING AND STUFF! WE'RE GOING FULL SPEED WITH THIS STORY. I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY IF YOU ENJOYED READING.

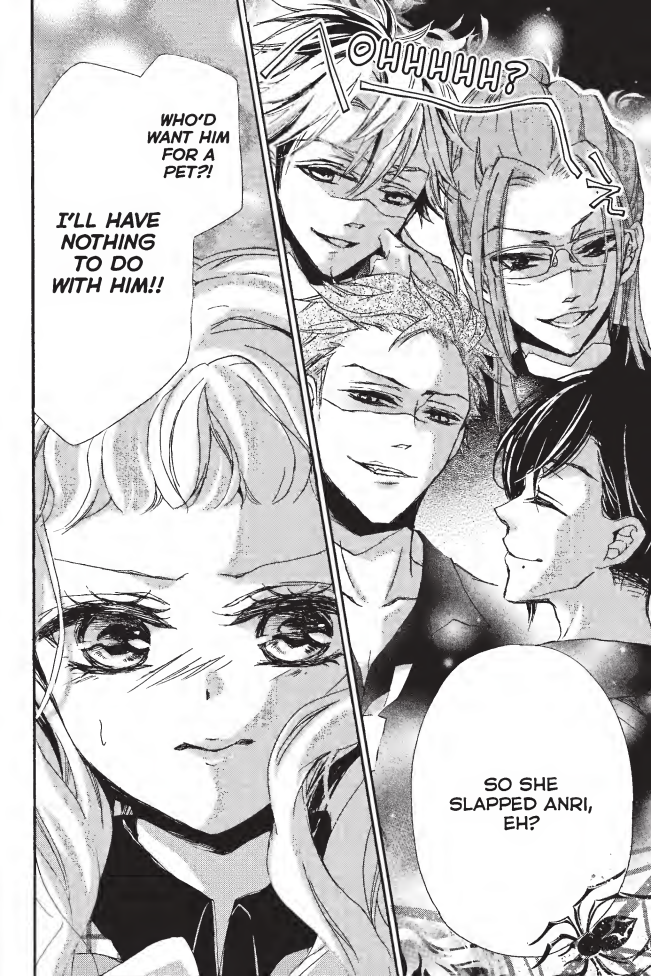
NOW, LET'S BEGIN.

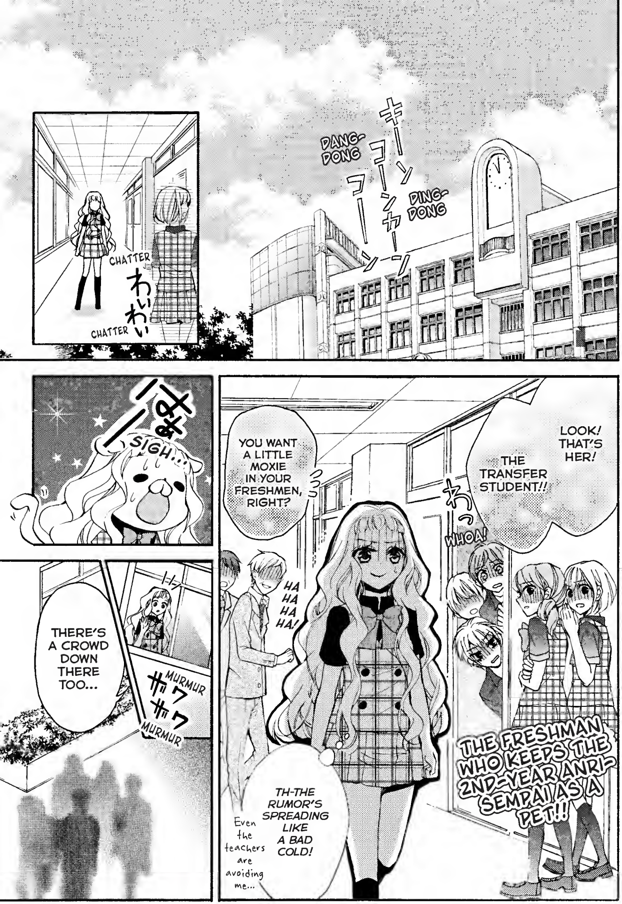

IS SHE... ANRI-SEMPAI'S MASTER?!
わー!っ ARGH
わー!っ ARGH
ザワッ MURMUR
くるっ TURN
ザザザザ SCOOT
HMM?
くるん TURN
ザザザザ SCOOT
...

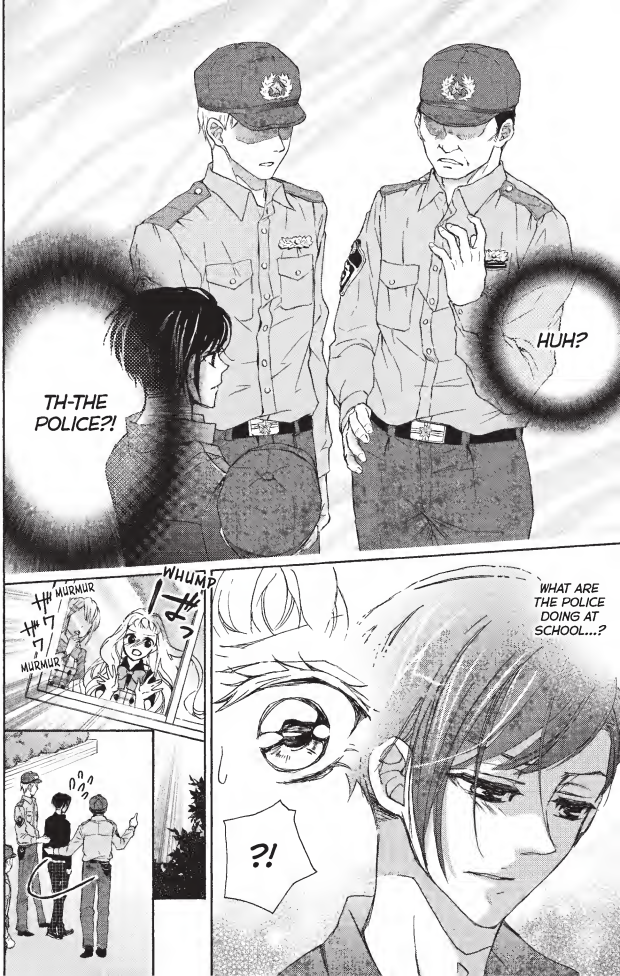

キャあああああああ
KYAAAARGH
N-NO, IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK...
PLOP
ぽっん
...
Y-YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING.
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...
I SWORE THAT...
WHEN I GOT TO HIGH SCHOOL...
I'D REINVENT MYSELF AND FALL IN LOVE WITH A GORGEOUS BOY!!
DREAMS
理想
It's nice to meet you all.
My name is Taiga Takachiho.
Wow, nice to meet you.
Nice to meet ya.
YAY! YAY!
I'll show you around after school.
Me too! Me too!
REALITY
現実
SEP. 1ST
I-It's nice... to meet you...
My name is... Taiga... Takachiho...
FLINCH FLINCH
びくびく
WHISPER
こそこそ
WHISPER


SLAM
FLINCH
SO DO IT AGAIN.
"FEED" ME.
SKREEEK
IF ONLY!!
IF ONLY HE HADN'T DONE THAT!!
AAANRI ISEYAAA!!
LEAN
GET OFF ME,
ANRI.
TSK!
Jerk.
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT THIS MORNING, ANYWAY?
WITH THAT FRESHMAN GIRL.
?


"TAIGA-CHAN"?
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU LIKED OLDER WOMEN.
SHE DIDN'T EVEN LOOK THAT SMART.
PERSONALLY, I'D PASS ON HER.
HEY! NOT YOU TOO, MIKIHITO!
GLOMP
GLOMP
GLOMP
AW, TAIGA-CHAN AIN'T LIKE THAT.
Oh, really?
I SAID...
GET OFFA ME!!
WHUMP
TRAININ' A PET TAKES A LOTTA LOVE!
Get this!
SHE SLAPPED ME THREE TIMES!
HUH?!
She slapped Anri?!
SHE SLAPPED...
ANRI...


WHO'D WANT HIM FOR A PET?!
I'LL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM!!
OHHHHHH?
ーえ
SO SHE SLAPPED ANRI, EH?


キーンコーンカーンコーン
DANG-DONG
DING-DONG
CHATTER
わいわい
CHATTER
LOOK! THAT'S HER!
THE TRANSFER STUDENT!!
わっ
WHOA!
YOU WANT A LITTLE MOXIE IN YOUR FRESHMEN, RIGHT?
HA HA HA HA!
THE FRESHMAN WHO KEEPS THE 2ND-YEAR ANRI-SEMPAI AS A PET!!
TH-THE RUMOR'S SPREADING LIKE A BAD COLD!
Even the teachers are avoiding me...
はぁ
SIGH...
MURMUR
ザワザワ
MURMUR
THERE'S A CROWD DOWN THERE TOO...


HUH?
TH-THE POLICE?!
WHAT ARE THE POLICE DOING AT SCHOOL...?
?!
WHUMP
ばっ
ザワ MURMUR
ザワ MURMUR

1. ABOUT TAIGA THE HEROINE

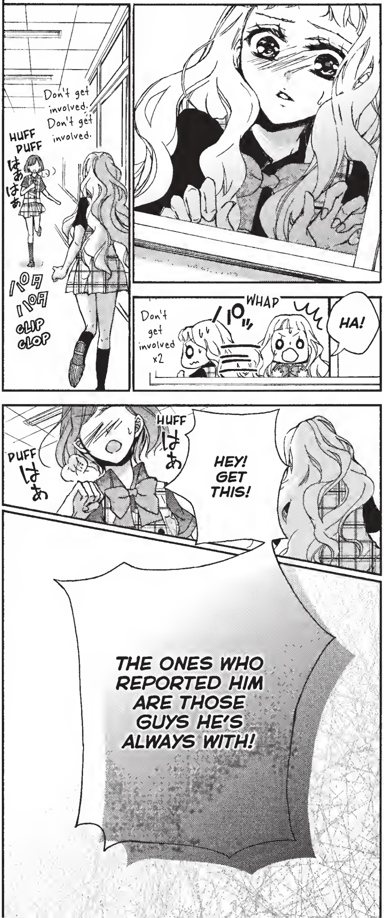
TAIGA IS MY LONG-AWAITED STRONG-WILLED GIRL.

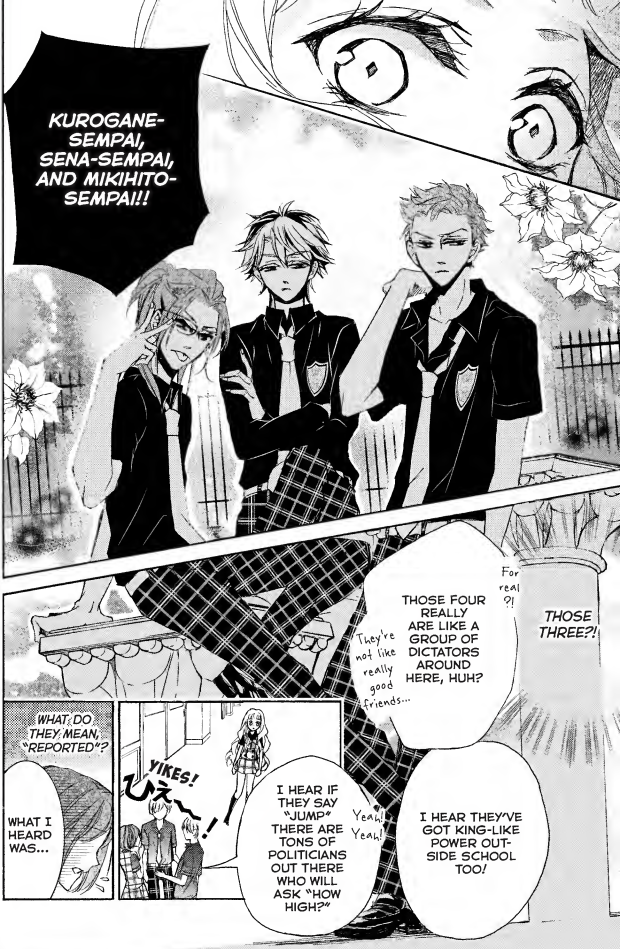
HARURU FROM "AMAI AKUMA GA WARAU" AND KOKO FROM "HYAKKI KOIRAN" WERE ALL SPACEY-WACEY AND CHEERY-WEERY GIRLS.

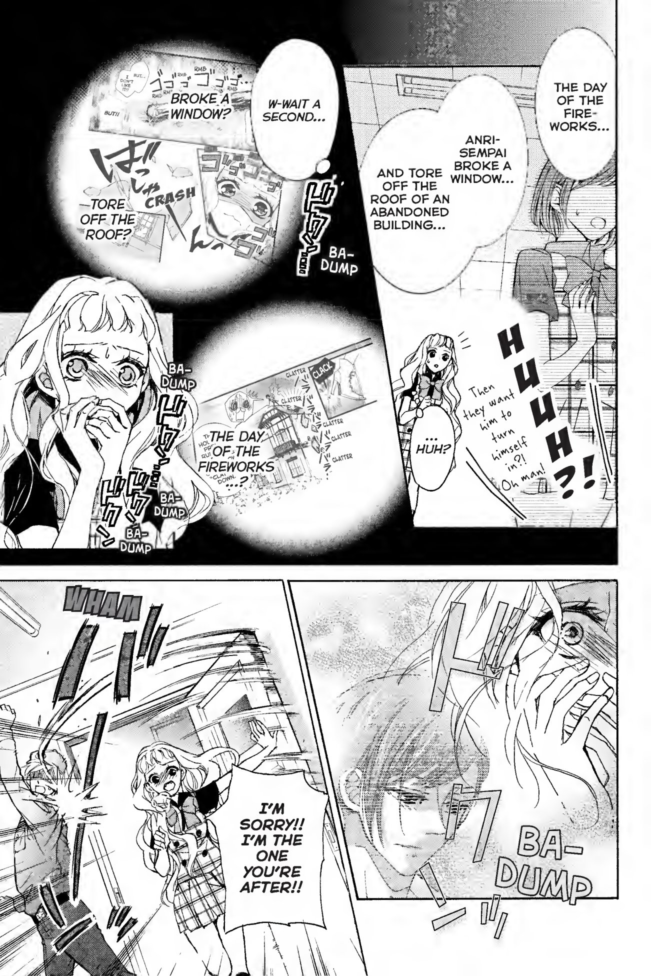
BUT DRAWING THIS, YOU KNOW...

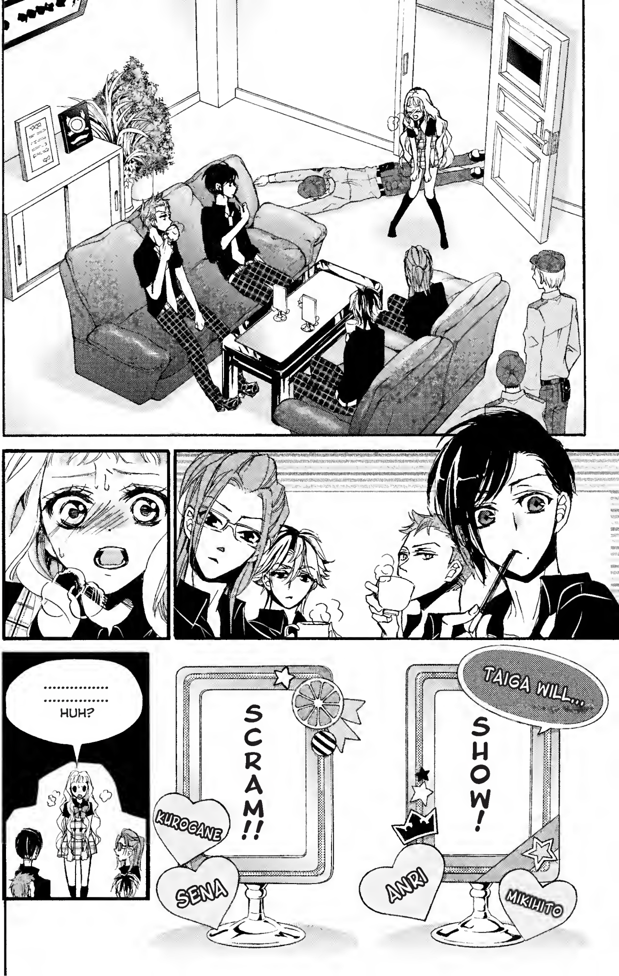
KA-POW!!-Y TAIGA IS SO FRESH AND FUN.

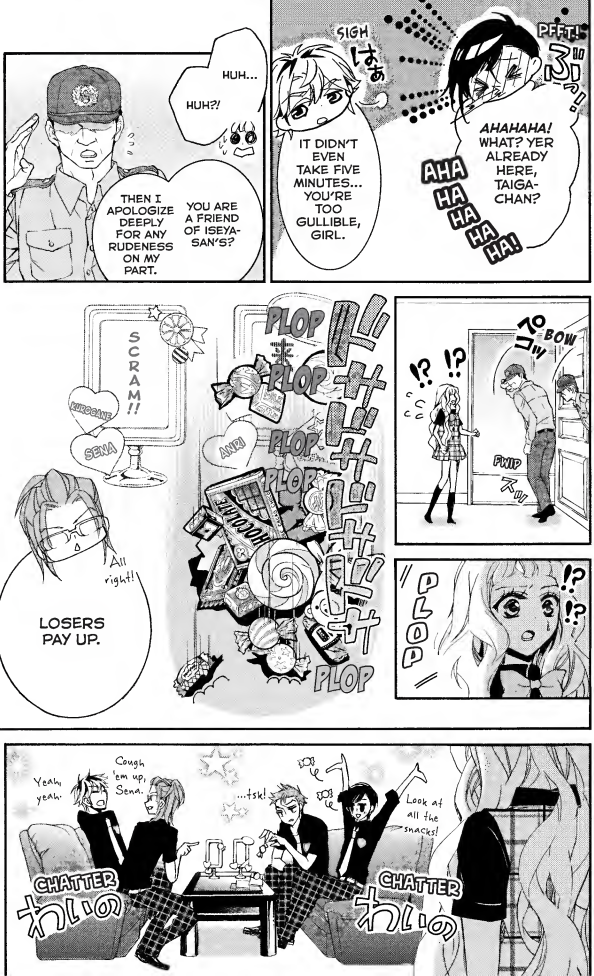
Now, I wonder what Taiga's gonna do next...

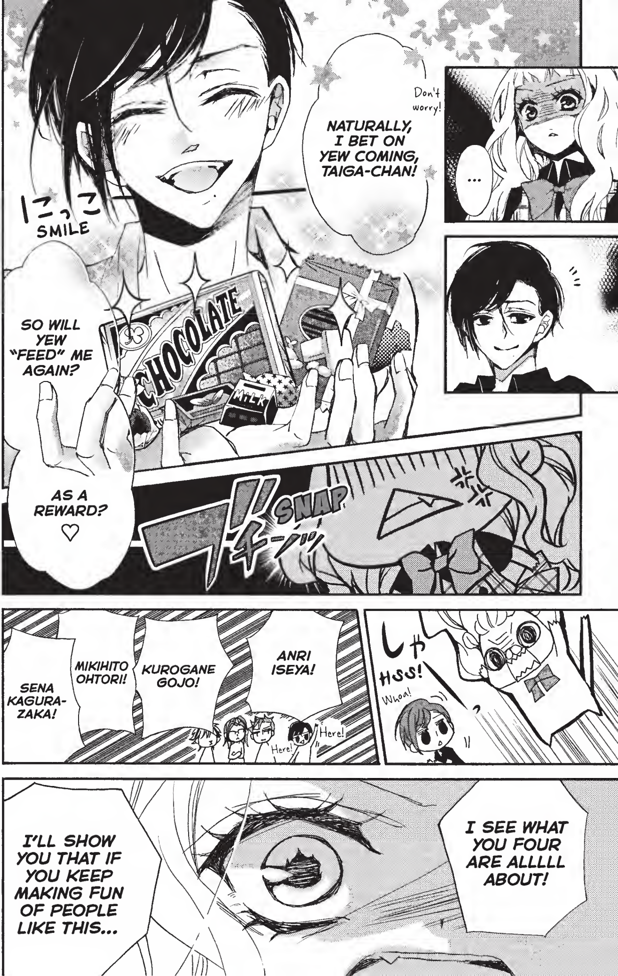

Don't get involved. Don't get involved.
HUFF PUFF
はぁはぁ
パタパタ
CLIP CLOP
HA!
WHAP
Don't get involved x2
HEY! GET THIS!
HUFF
はぁ
PUFF
はぁ
THE ONES WHO REPORTED HIM ARE THOSE GUYS HE'S ALWAYS WITH!

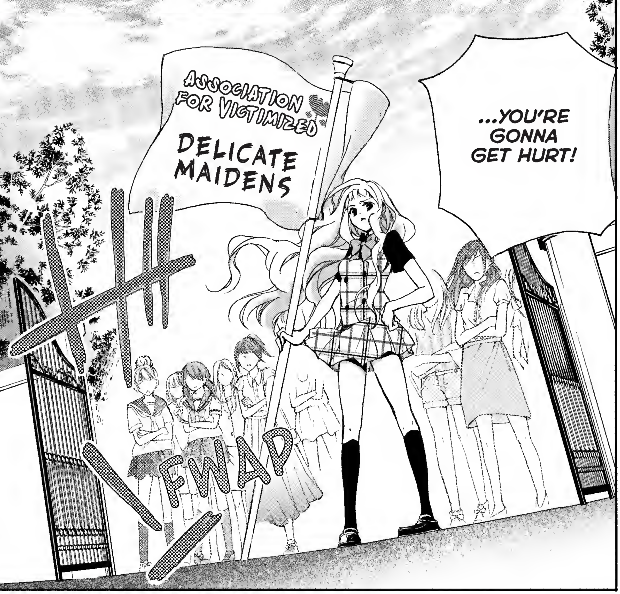

KUROGANE-SEMPAI, SENA-SEMPAI, AND MIKIHITO-SEMPAI!!
THOSE THREE?!
For real?!
THOSE FOUR REALLY ARE LIKE A GROUP OF DICTATORS AROUND HERE, HUH?
They're not like really good friends...
I HEAR THEY'VE GOT KING-LIKE POWER OUTSIDE SCHOOL TOO!
Yeah! Yeah!
I HEAR IF THEY SAY "JUMP" THERE ARE TONS OF POLITICIANS OUT THERE WHO WILL ASK "HOW HIGH?"
YIKES!
ひえ～！
WHAT DO THEY MEAN, "REPORTED"?
WHAT I HEARD WAS...

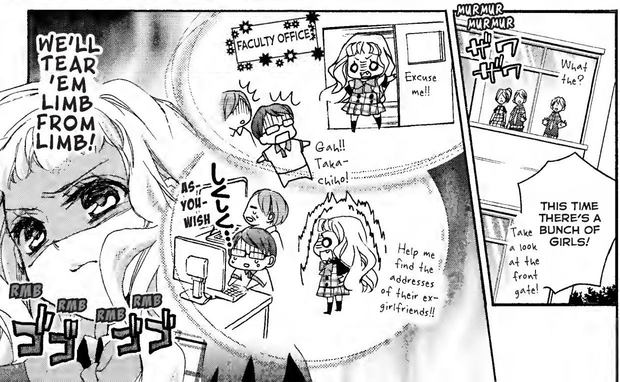

THE DAY OF THE FIREWORKS...
ANRI-SEMPAI BROKE A WINDOW...
AND TORE OFF THE ROOF OF AN ABANDONED BUILDING...
HUUUH?!
Then they want him to turn himself in?! Oh man!
...HUH?
W-WAIT A SECOND...
BA-DUMP
RMB
BUT...
I DON'T LIKE IT!!
BUT!!
BROKE A WINDOW?
CRASH
—TORE OFF THE ROOF?
BA-DUMP
CLACK
CLATTER
THE DAY OF THE FIREWORKS...?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
WHAM
I'M SORRY!! I'M THE ONE YOU'RE AFTER!!

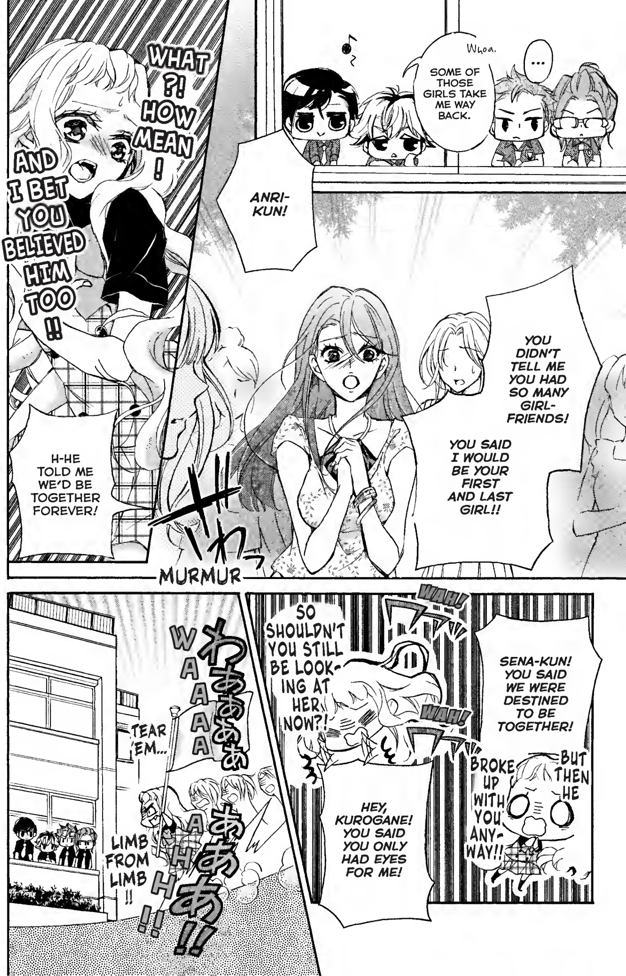

TAIGA WILL...
SHOW!
ANRI
MIKIHITO
SCRAM!!
KUROGANE
SENA
....
....
HUH?

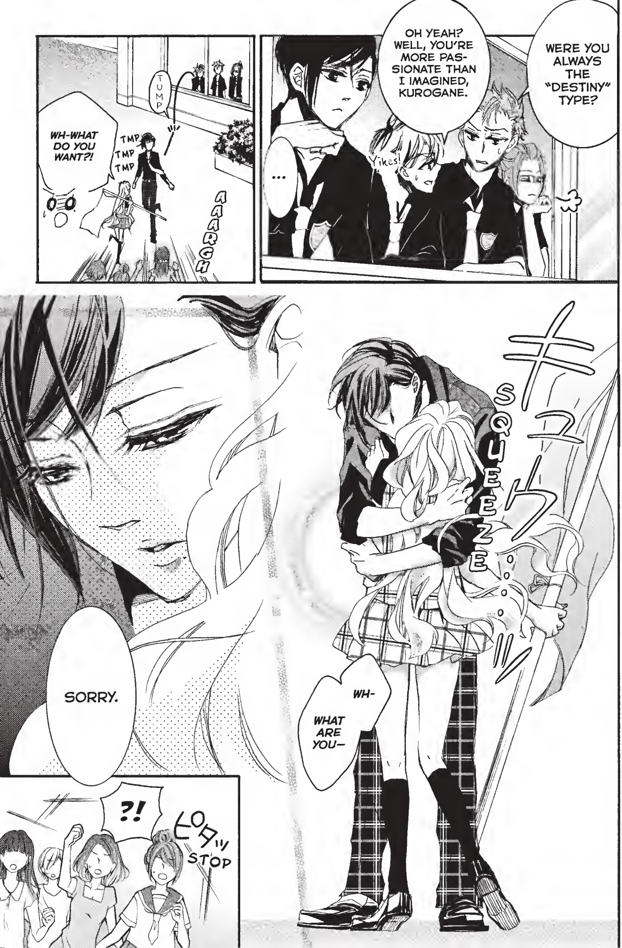

SIGH
はぁ
PFFT!
ぶっ!
AHAHAHA! WHAT? YER ALREADY HERE, TAIGA-CHAN?
AHA HA HA HA HA!
IT DIDN'T EVEN TAKE FIVE MINUTES... YOU'RE TOO GULLIBLE, GIRL.
HUH...
HUH?!
YOU ARE A FRIEND OF ISEYA-SAN'S?
THEN I APOLOGIZE DEEPLY FOR ANY RUDENESS ON MY PART.
!? !?
BOW
ペコッ
FWIP
スッ
!? !?
PLOP
PLOP
ドサドサドサッ
PLOP
PLOP
PLOP
PLOP
MILK
CHOCOLATE
SCRAM!!
KUROGANE
SENA
ANRI
All right!
LOSERS PAY UP.
Look at all the snacks!
...tsk!
Cough 'em up, Sena.
Yeah, yeah.
CHATTER
わいの
CHATTER
わいの

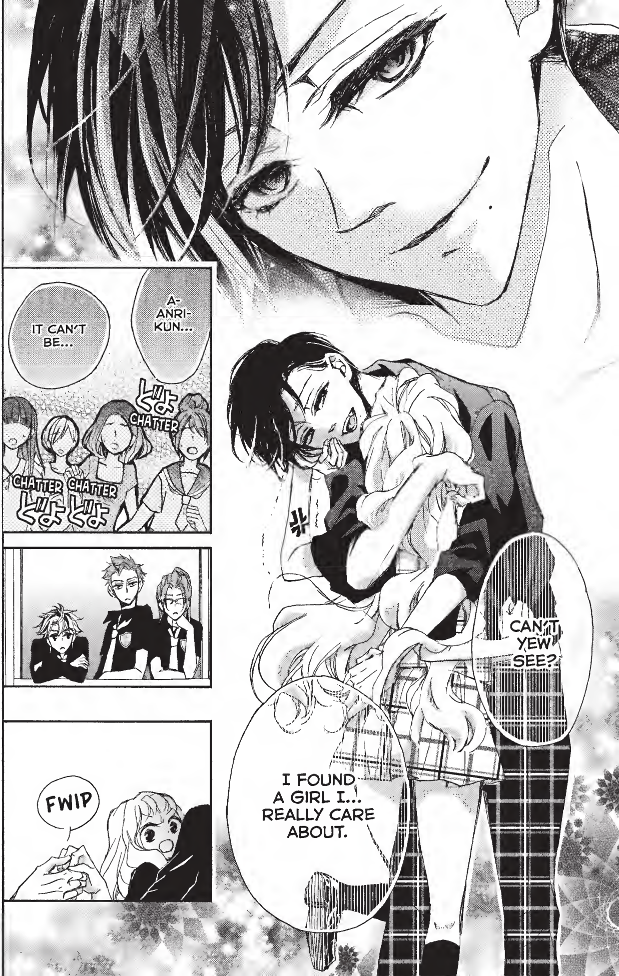

Don't worry!
NATURALLY, I BET ON YEW COMING, TAIGA-CHAN!
...
にっこ
SMILE
CHOCOLATE
MiLK
SO WILL YEW "FEED" ME AGAIN?
AS A REWARD? ♡
ブチーン
SNAP
しゃ
HSS!
Whoa!
ANRI ISEYA!
KUROGANE GOJO!
MIKIHITO OHTORI!
SENA KAGURAZAKA!
Here!
Here!
I SEE WHAT YOU FOUR ARE ALLLLL ABOUT!
I'LL SHOW YOU THAT IF YOU KEEP MAKING FUN OF PEOPLE LIKE THIS...

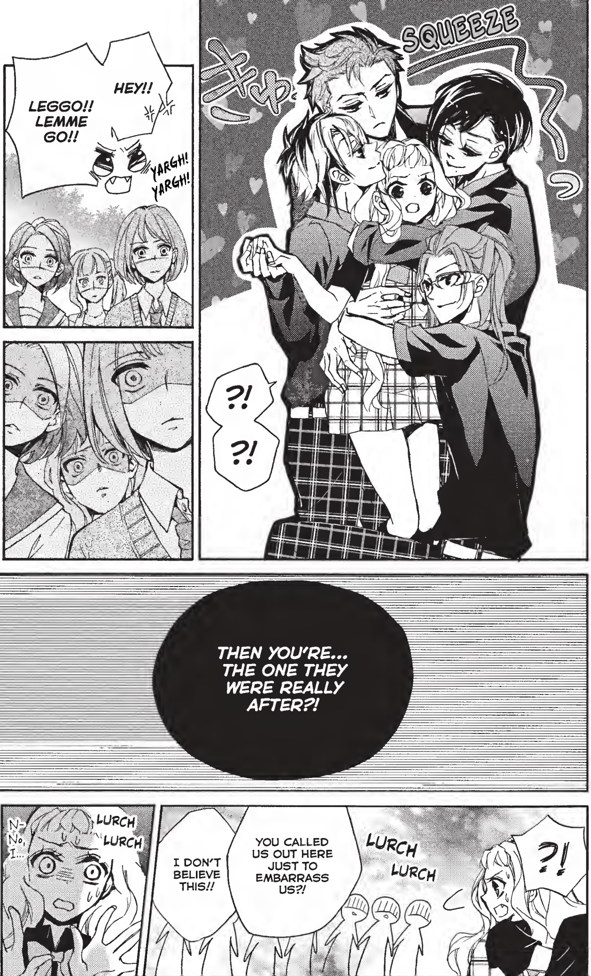

...YOU'RE GONNA GET HURT!
ASSOCIATION FOR VICTIMIZED DELICATE MAIDENS
FWAP

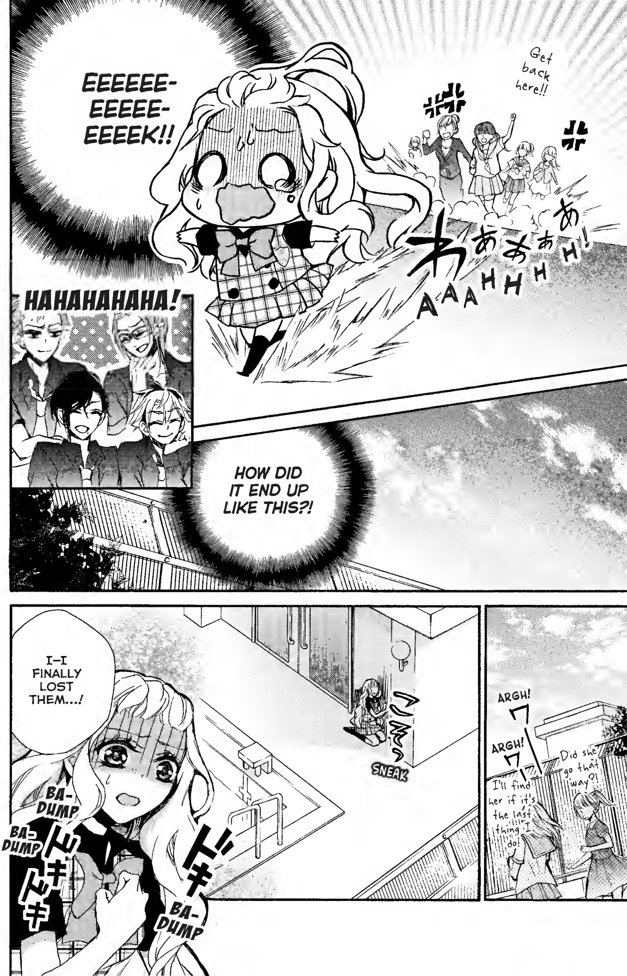

MURMUR MURMUR
ザワザワ
What the?
THIS TIME THERE'S A BUNCH OF GIRLS!
Take a look at the front gate!
FACULTY OFFICE
Excuse me!!
Gah!! Takachiho!
Help me find the addresses of their ex-girlfriends!!
AS-YOU-WISH
しくしく…
WE'LL TEAR 'EM LIMB FROM LIMB!
RMB RMB RMB RMB
ゴゴゴゴ

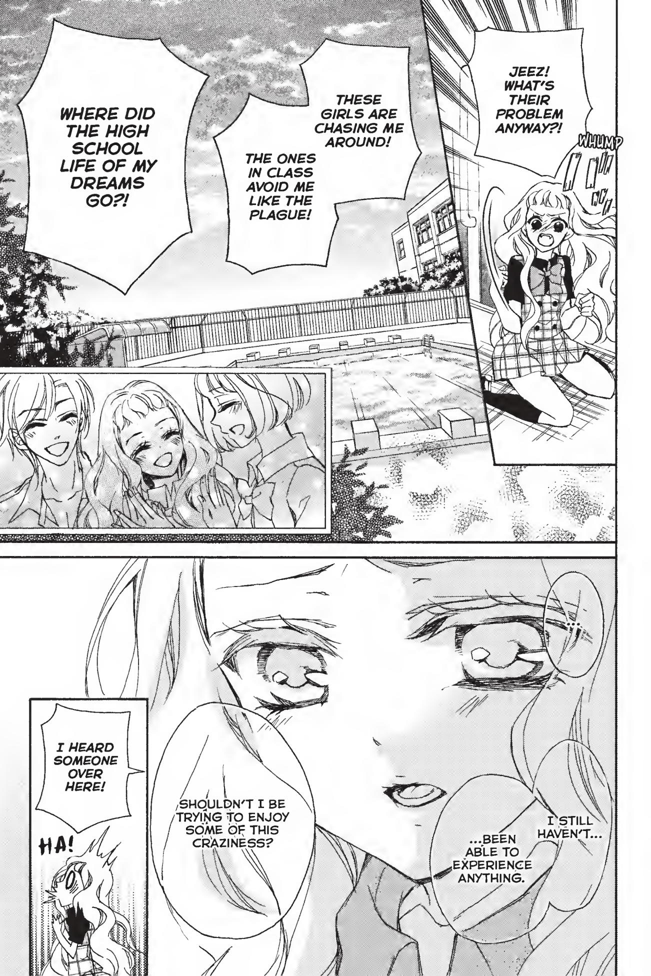

Whoa.
SOME OF THOSE GIRLS TAKE ME WAY BACK.
...
ANRI-KUN!
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME YOU HAD SO MANY GIRLFRIENDS!
YOU SAID I WOULD BE YOUR FIRST AND LAST GIRL!!
H-HE TOLD ME WE'D BE TOGETHER FOREVER!
WHAT?! HOW MEAN!
AND I BET YOU BELIEVED HIM TOO!!
ザわっ
MURMUR
WAH!
WAH!
SENA-KUN! YOU SAID WE WERE DESTINED TO BE TOGETHER!
HEY, KUROGANE! YOU SAID YOU ONLY HAD EYES FOR ME!
SO SHOULDN'T YOU STILL BE LOOKING AT HER NOW?!
BUT THEN HE BROKE UP WITH YOU ANYWAY!!
わあああああああ!!
WAAAAAAHH!!
TEAR 'EM...
LIMB FROM LIMB!!

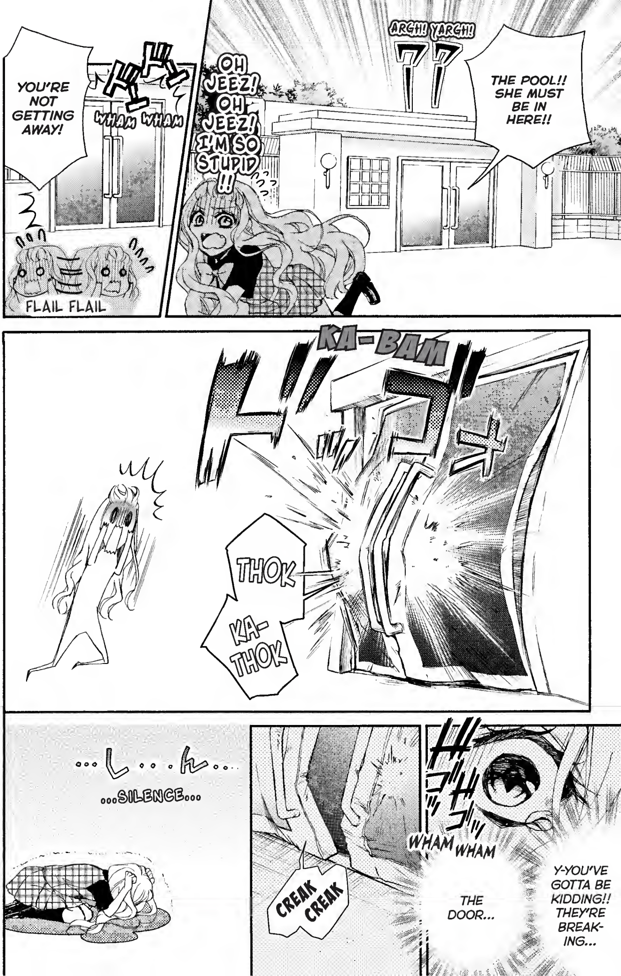

WERE YOU ALWAYS THE "DESTINY" TYPE?
OH YEAH? WELL, YOU'RE MORE PASSIONATE THAN I IMAGINED, KUROGANE.
Yikes!
...
TUMP
WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
TMP TMP TMP
AAARGH
キュウ SQUEEZE
WH- WHAT ARE YOU—
SORRY.
?!
ピタッ STOP

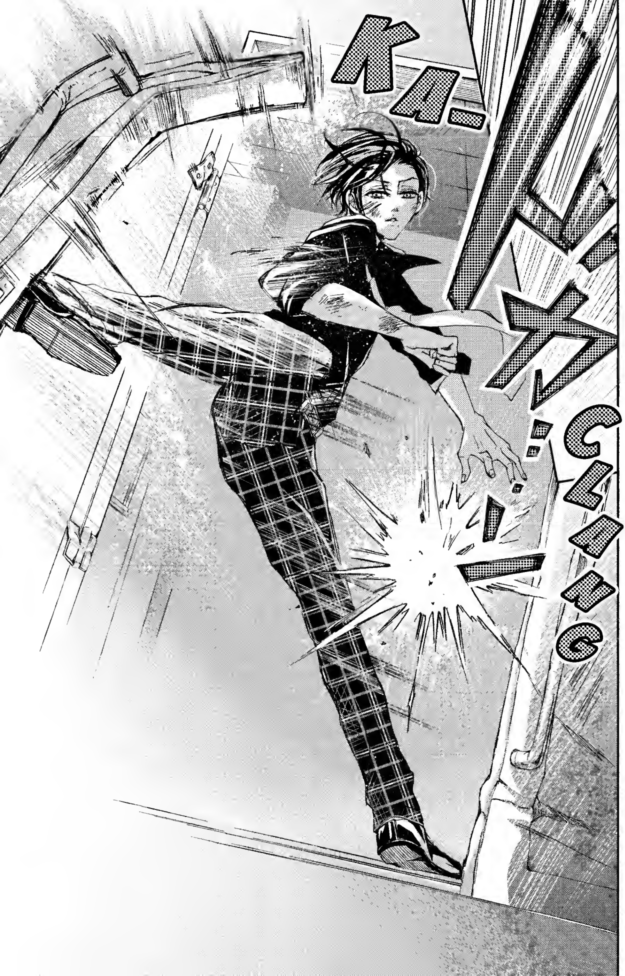

CAN'T YEW SEE?
I FOUND A GIRL I... REALLY CARE ABOUT.
A-ANRI-KUN...
IT CAN'T BE...
どよ
CHATTER
CHATTER CHATTER
どよどよ
FWIP

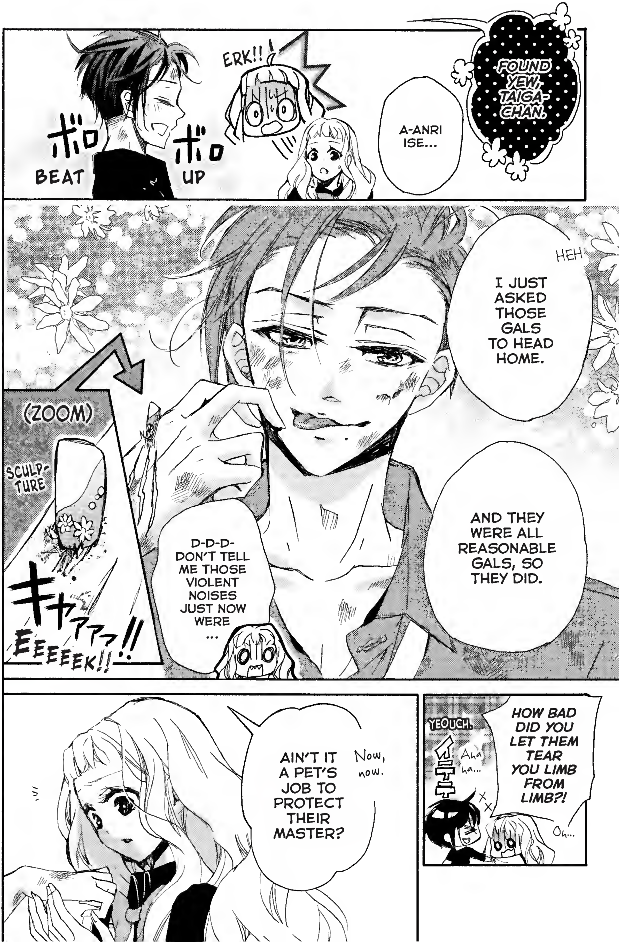

SQUEEZE
ぎゅっ
?!
?!
HEY!!
LEGGO!! LEMME GO!!
YARGH! YARGH!
THEN YOU'RE... THE ONE THEY WERE REALLY AFTER?!
?!
LURCH
LURCH
YOU CALLED US OUT HERE JUST TO EMBARRASS US?!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!!
LURCH
LURCH
N-No, I...

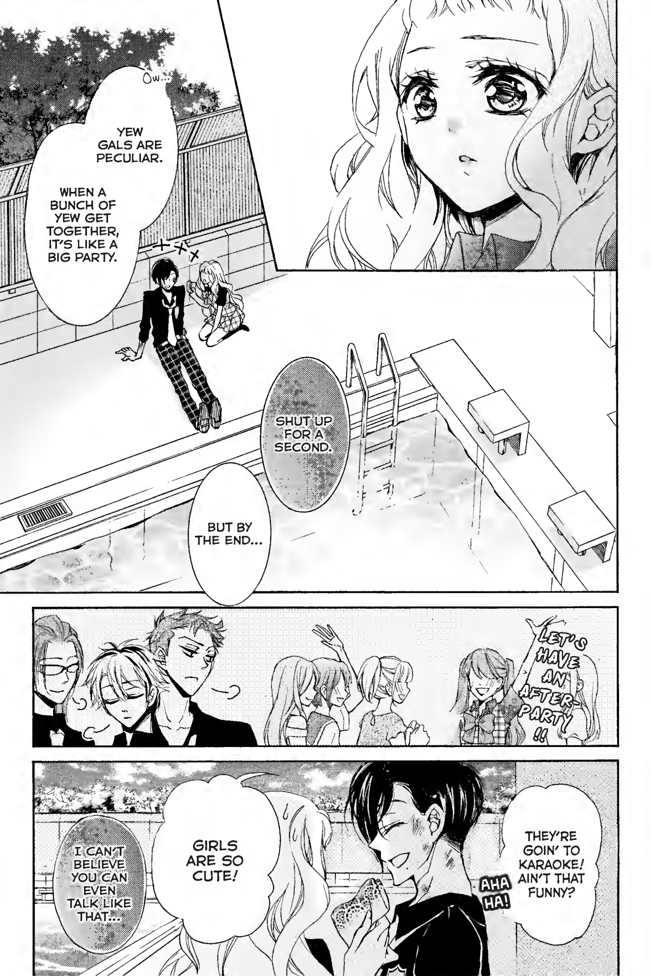

Get back here!!
EEEEEE-EEEEE-EEEEK!!
わああぁあ
AAAHHHHH!
HAHAHAHAHA!
HOW DID IT END UP LIKE THIS?!
ARGH! ワ
ARGH! ワ
Did she go that way?!
I'll find her if it's the last thing I do!
こそっ
SNEAK
I-I FINALLY LOST THEM...!
ドキ
BA-DUMP
トキドキ
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

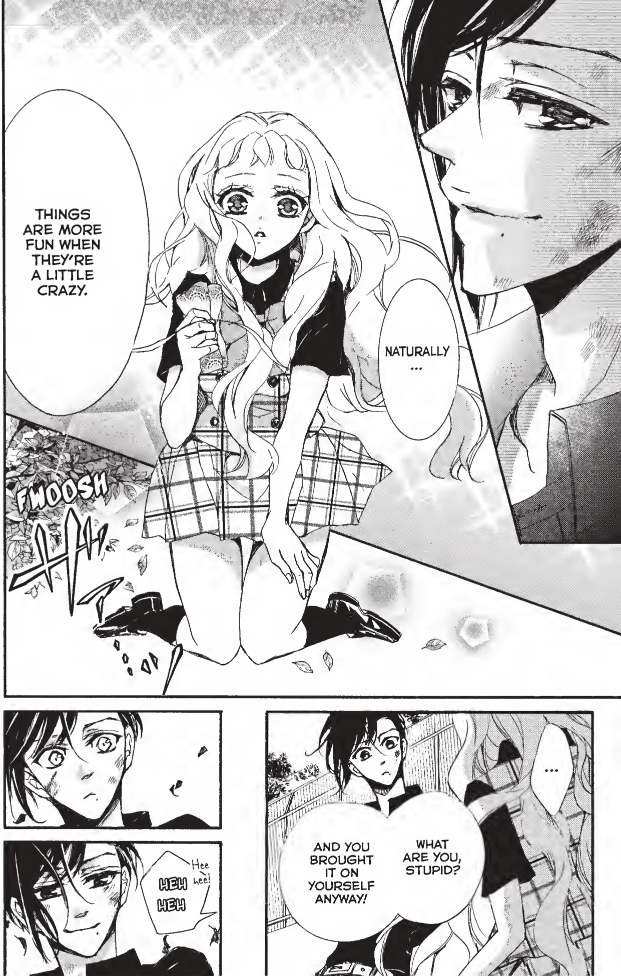

JEEZ! WHAT'S THEIR PROBLEM ANYWAY?!
WHUMP
THESE GIRLS ARE CHASING ME AROUND!
THE ONES IN CLASS AVOID ME LIKE THE PLAGUE!
WHERE DID THE HIGH SCHOOL LIFE OF MY DREAMS GO?!
...
I STILL HAVEN'T...
...BEEN ABLE TO EXPERIENCE ANYTHING.
SHOULDN'T I BE TRYING TO ENJOY SOME OF THIS CRAZINESS?
I HEARD SOMEONE OVER HERE!
HA!

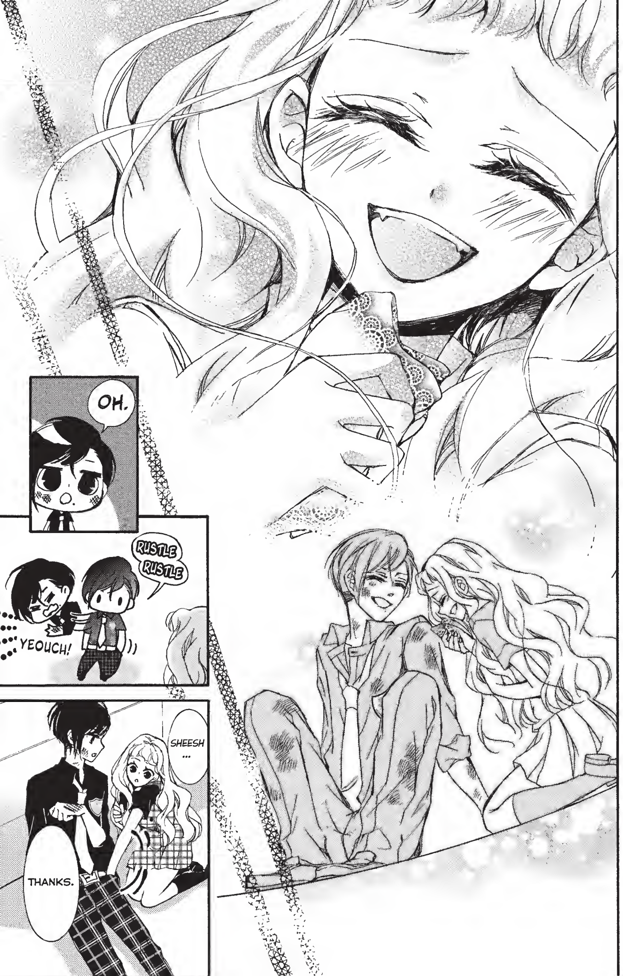

ARGH! YARGH!
THE POOL!! SHE MUST BE IN HERE!!
OH JEEZ! OH JEEZ! I'M SO STUPID!!
WHAM WHAM
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!
FLAIL FLAIL
KA-BAM
THOK
KA-THOK
WHAM WHAM
Y-YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!! THEY'RE BREAKING...
THE DOOR...
CREAK CREAK
…し…ん…
...SILENCE...

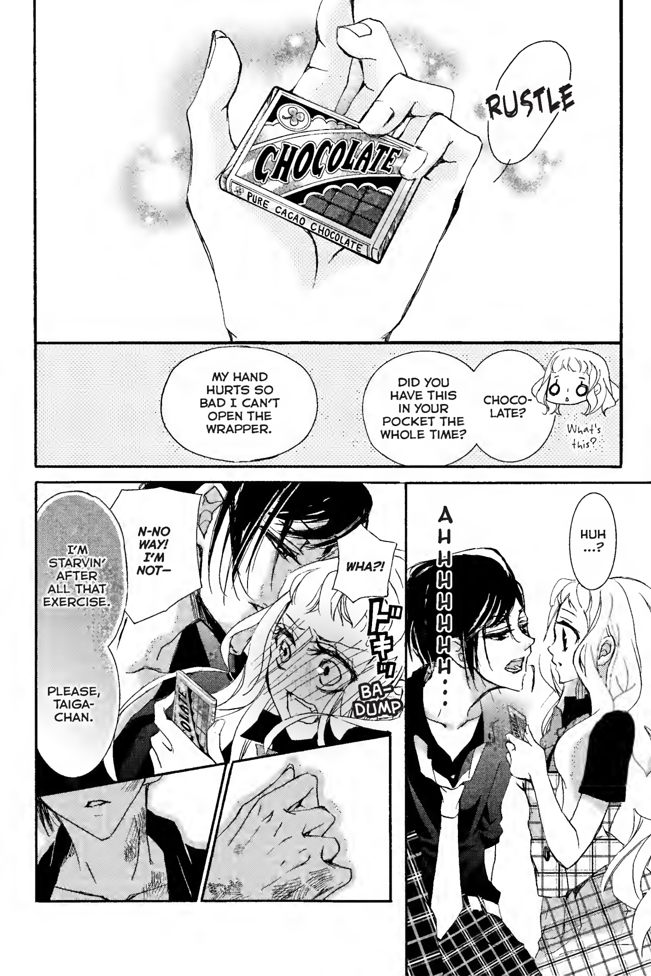

KA-
ガン
CLANG

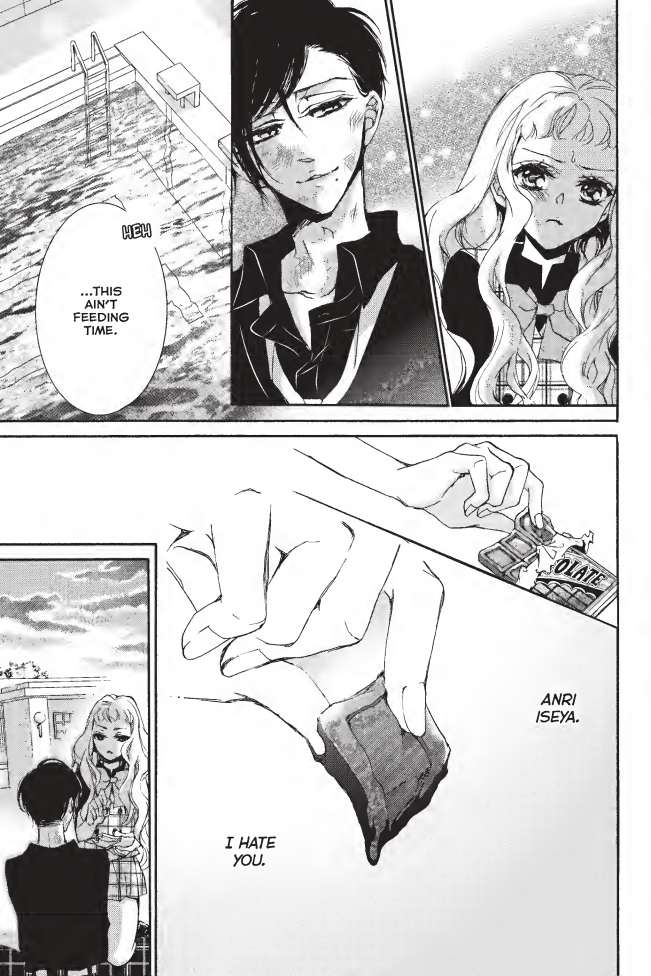

FOUND YEW, TAIGA-CHAN.
A-ANRI ISE...
ERK!!
ボロ BEAT ボロ UP
HEH
I JUST ASKED THOSE GALS TO HEAD HOME.
AND THEY WERE ALL REASONABLE GALS, SO THEY DID.
(ZOOM)
SCULPTURE
D-D-D-DON'T TELL ME THOSE VIOLENT NOISES JUST NOW WERE ...
キャアアァ EEEEEK!!
HOW BAD DID YOU LET THEM TEAR YOU LIMB FROM LIMB?!
YEOUCH.
Aha ha...
Oh...
AIN'T IT A PET'S JOB TO PROTECT THEIR MASTER?
Now, now.

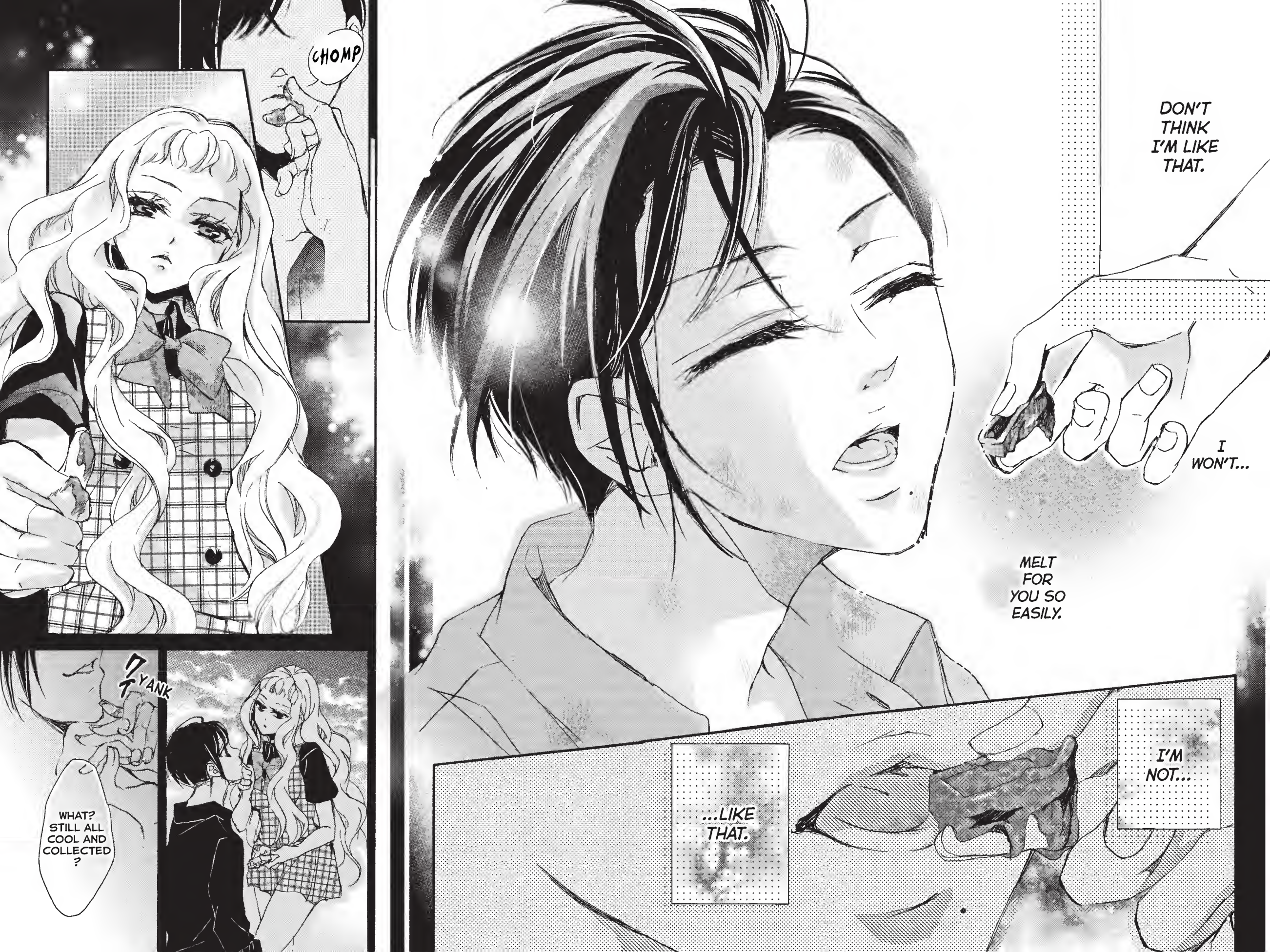

Ow...
YEW GALS ARE PECULIAR.
WHEN A BUNCH OF YEW GET TOGETHER, IT'S LIKE A BIG PARTY.
SHUT UP FOR A SECOND.
BUT BY THE END...
LET'S HAVE AN AFTER-PARTY!!
THEY'RE GOIN' TO KARAOKE! AIN'T THAT FUNNY?
AHA HA!
GIRLS ARE SO CUTE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CAN EVEN TALK LIKE THAT...

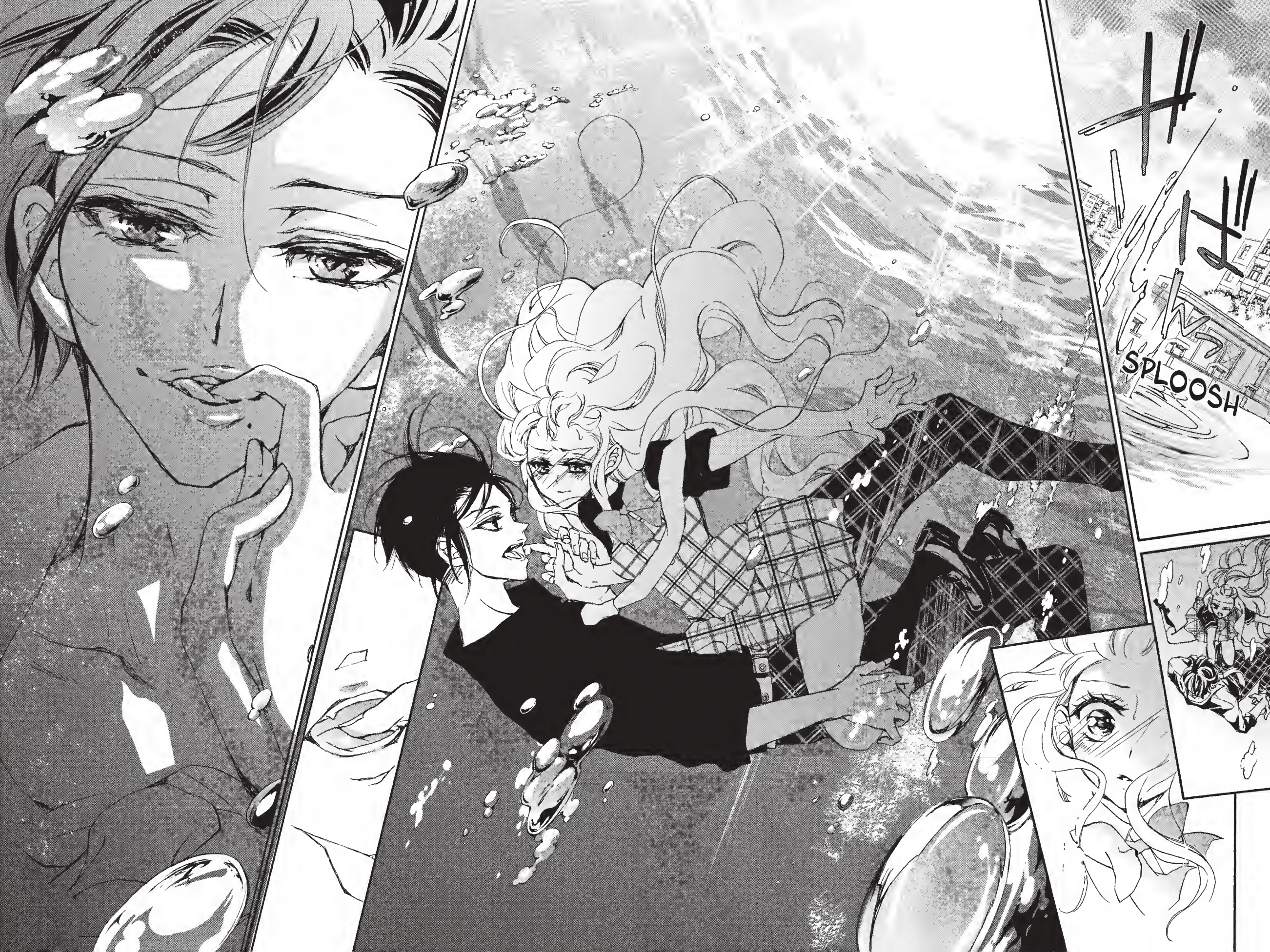

NATURALLY ...
THINGS ARE MORE FUN WHEN THEY'RE A LITTLE CRAZY.
FWOOSH
...
WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID?
AND YOU BROUGHT IT ON YOURSELF ANYWAY!
HEH HEH
Hee hee!

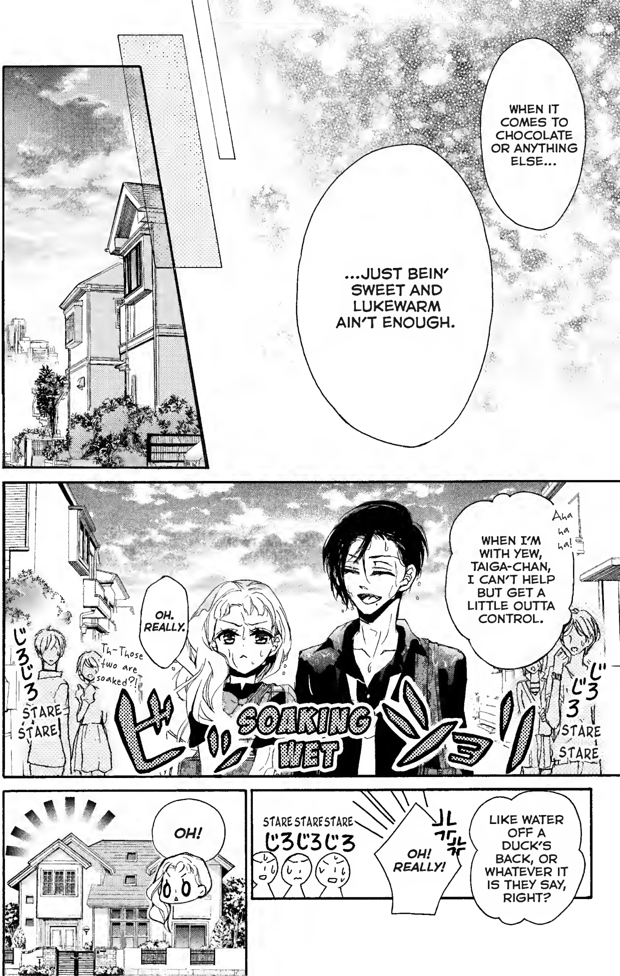

OH.
RUSTLE RUSTLE
YEOUCH!
SHEESH...
THANKS.

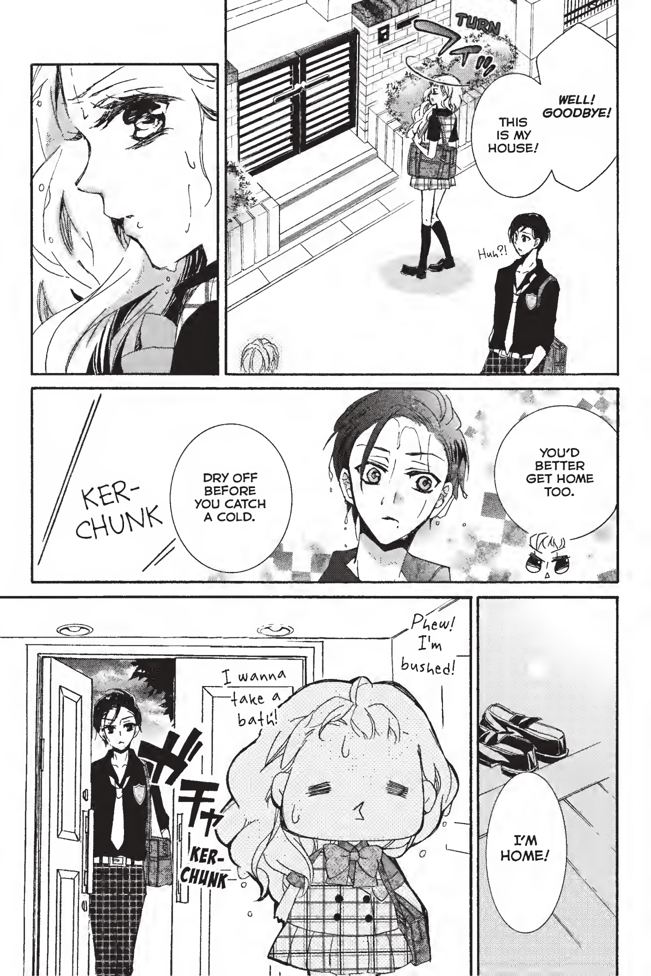

CHOCOLATE
PURE CACAO CHOCOLATE
RUSTLE
What's this?
CHOCO-LATE?
DID YOU HAVE THIS IN YOUR POCKET THE WHOLE TIME?
MY HAND HURTS SO BAD I CAN'T OPEN THE WRAPPER.
HUH ...?
AHHHHHHHH...
WHA?!
ドキッ
BA-DUMP
N-NO WAY! I'M NOT—
I'M STARVIN' AFTER ALL THAT EXERCISE.
PLEASE, TAIGA-CHAN.

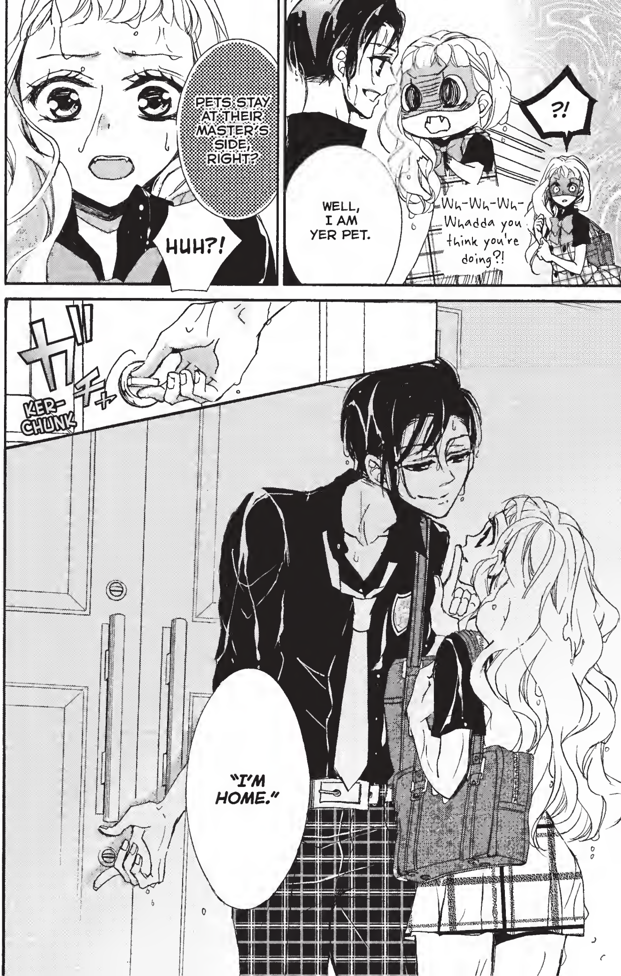

HEH
...THIS AIN'T FEEDING TIME.
OLATE
ANRI ISEYA.
I HATE YOU.


DON'T THINK I'M LIKE THAT.
I WON'T...
MELT FOR YOU SO EASILY.
I'M NOT...
...LIKE THAT.
CHOMP
YANK
WHAT? STILL ALL COOL AND COLLECTED?


SPLOOSH

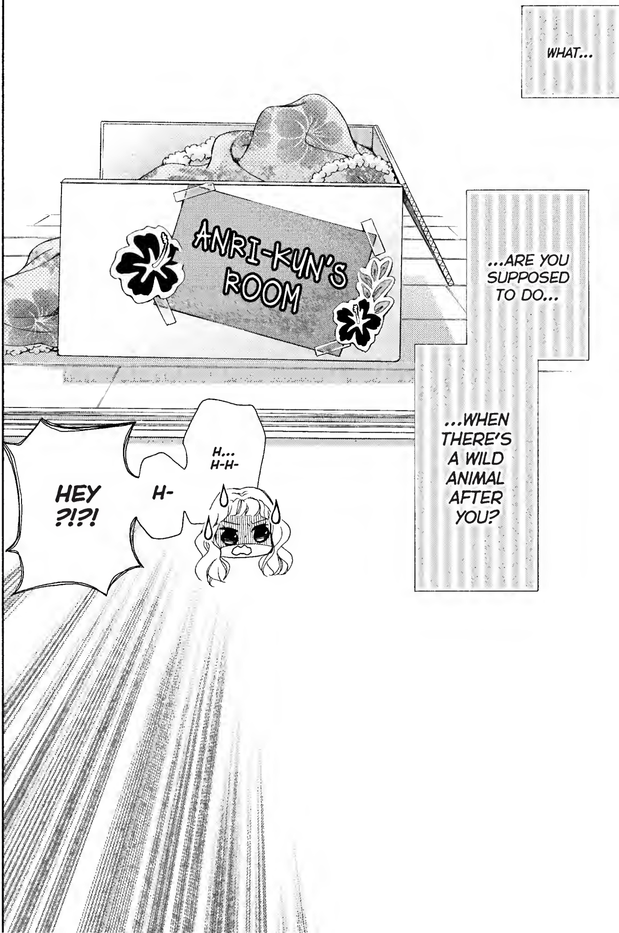

WHEN IT COMES TO CHOCOLATE OR ANYTHING ELSE...
...JUST BEIN' SWEET AND LUKEWARM AIN'T ENOUGH.
Aha ha ha!
WHEN I'M WITH YEW, TAIGA-CHAN, I CAN'T HELP BUT GET A LITTLE OUTTA CONTROL.
じ じろ 3 STARE STARE
OH. REALLY.
Th-Those two are soaked?!
じろじろ STARE STARE
ビ ショ SOAKING WET
LIKE WATER OFF A DUCK'S BACK, OR WHATEVER IT IS THEY SAY, RIGHT?
OH! REALLY!
STARE STARE STARE じろじろじろ
OH!

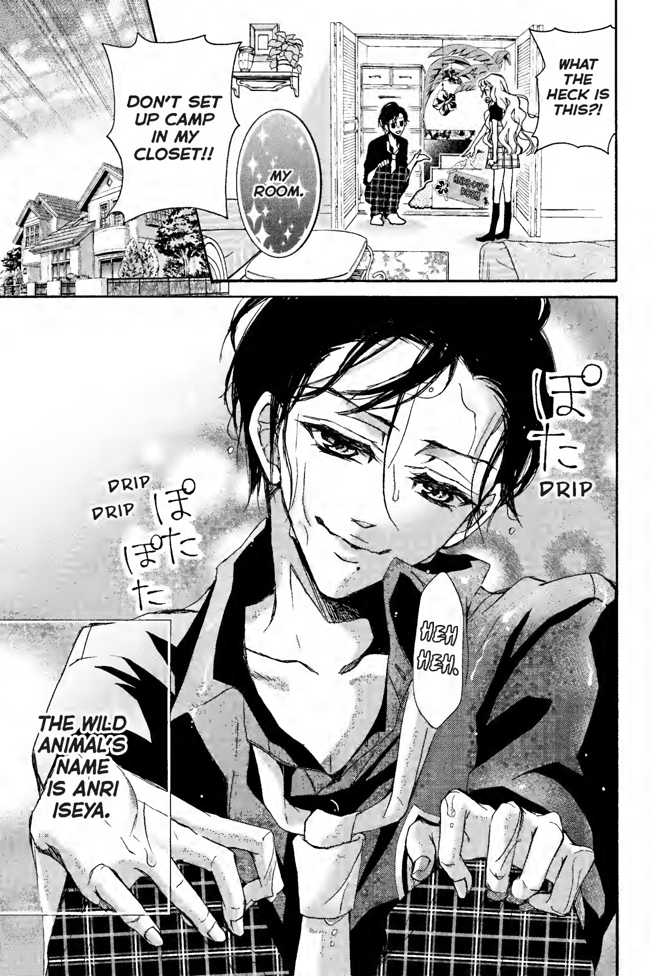

TURN
WELL! GOODBYE!
THIS IS MY HOUSE!
Huh?!
YOU'D BETTER GET HOME TOO.
DRY OFF BEFORE YOU CATCH A COLD.
KER-CHUNK
I'M HOME!
Phew! I'm bushed!
I wanna take a bath!
ガチャ
KER-CHUNK

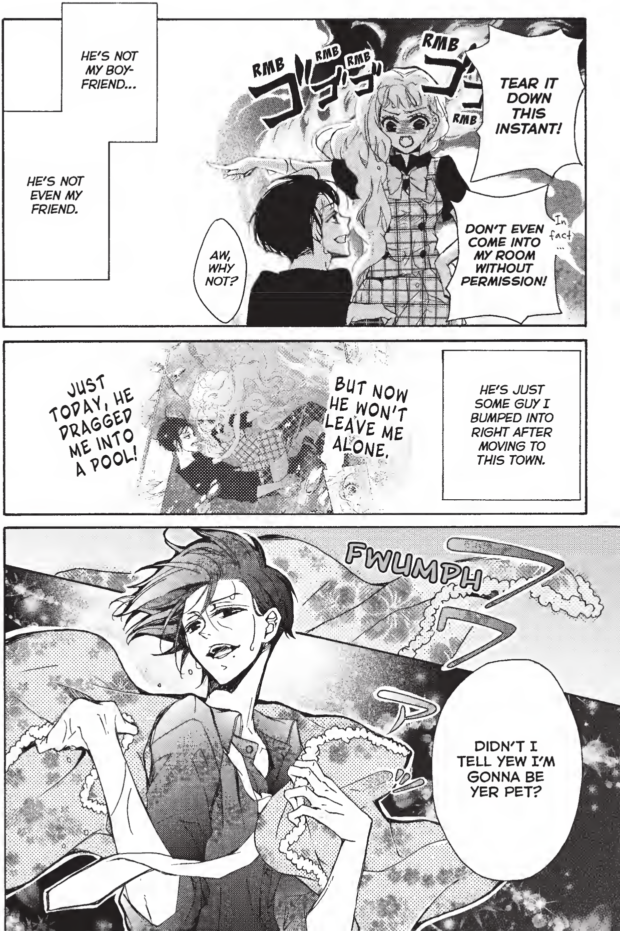

?!
Wh-Wh-Wh-Whadda you think you're doing?!
WELL, I AM YER PET.
PETS STAY AT THEIR MASTER'S SIDE, RIGHT?
HUH?!
ガチャ
KER-CHUNK
"I'M HOME."

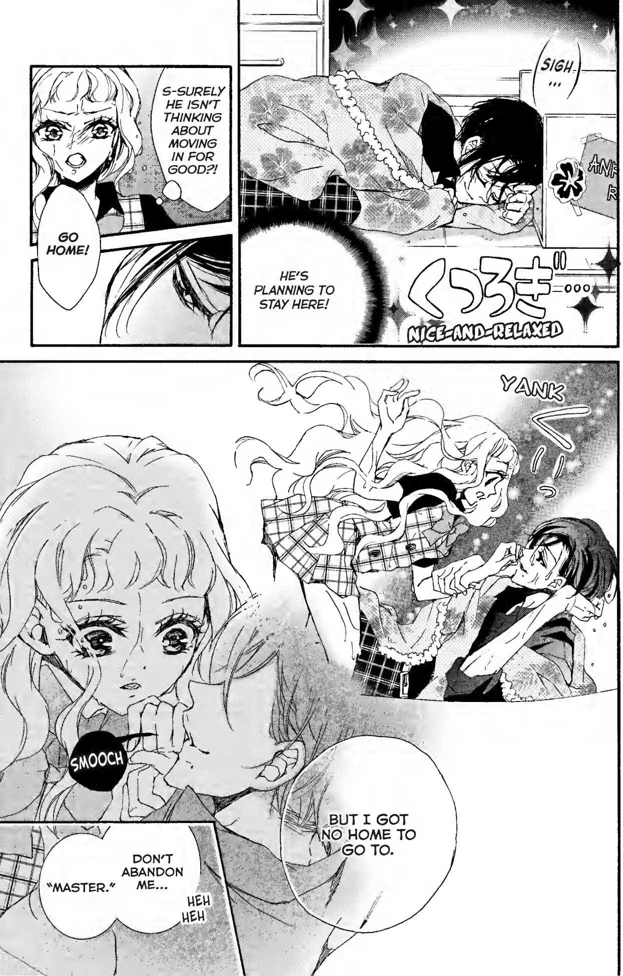
TRAP 3

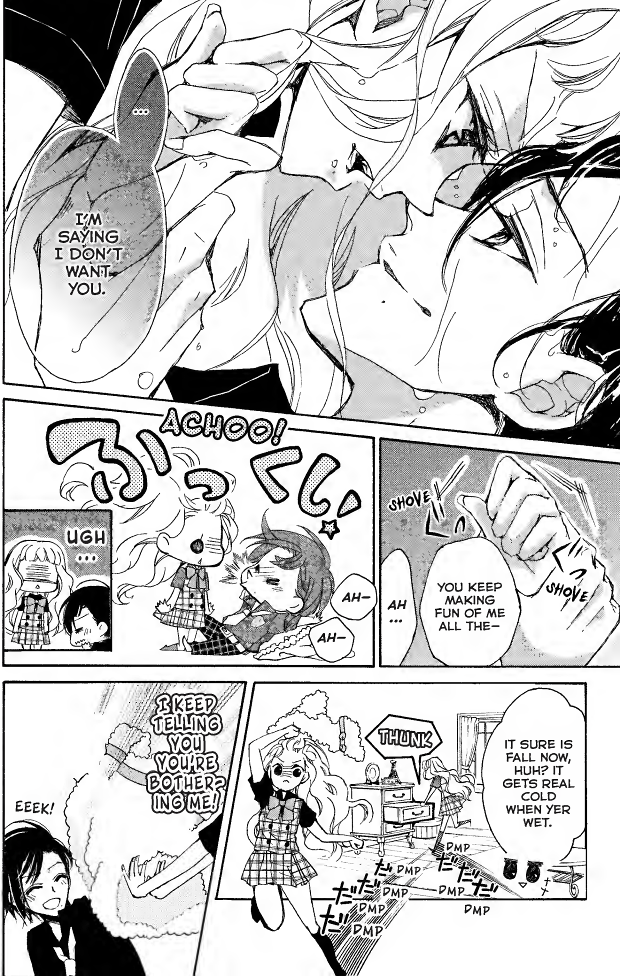
The Ice Trap

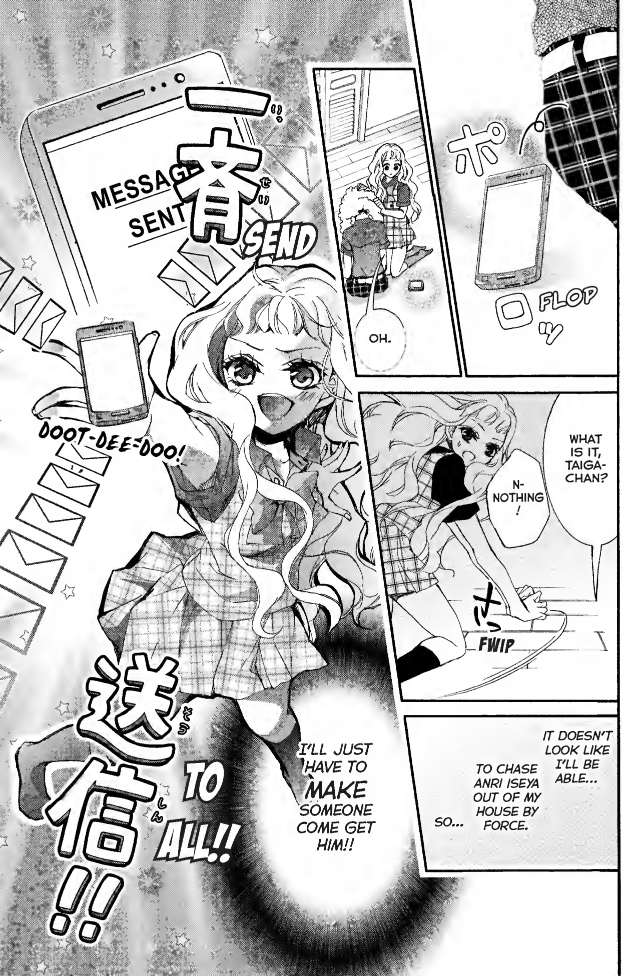

WHAT...
...ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO DO...
...WHEN THERE'S A WILD ANIMAL AFTER YOU?
ANRI-KUN'S ROOM
H... H-H-
H-
HEY ?!?!

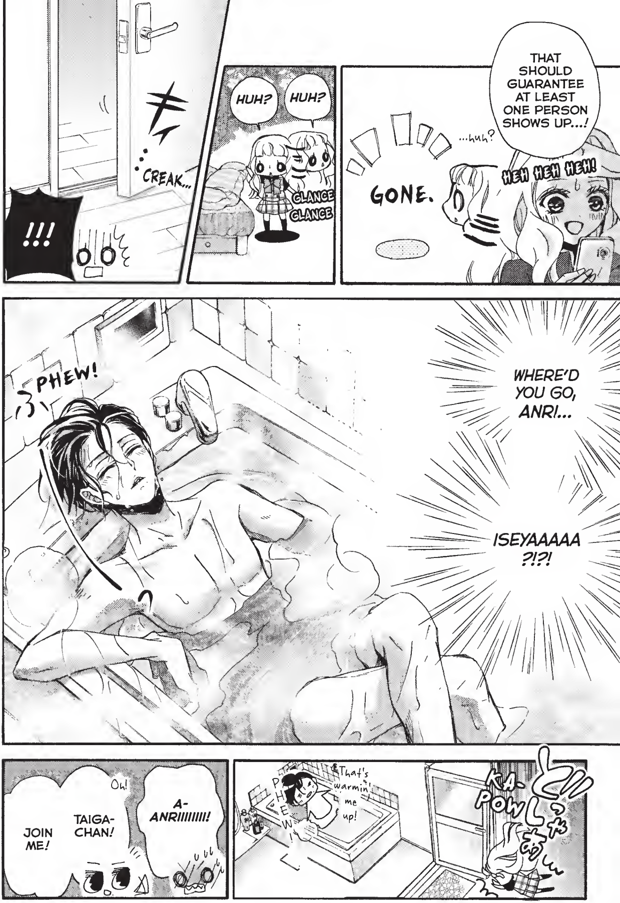

WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!
DON'T SET UP CAMP IN MY CLOSET!!
MY ROOM.
ANRI-KUN' ROOM
ぽた
DRIP
ぽたぽた
DRIP DRIP
HEH HEH.
THE WILD ANIMAL'S NAME IS ANRI ISEYA.

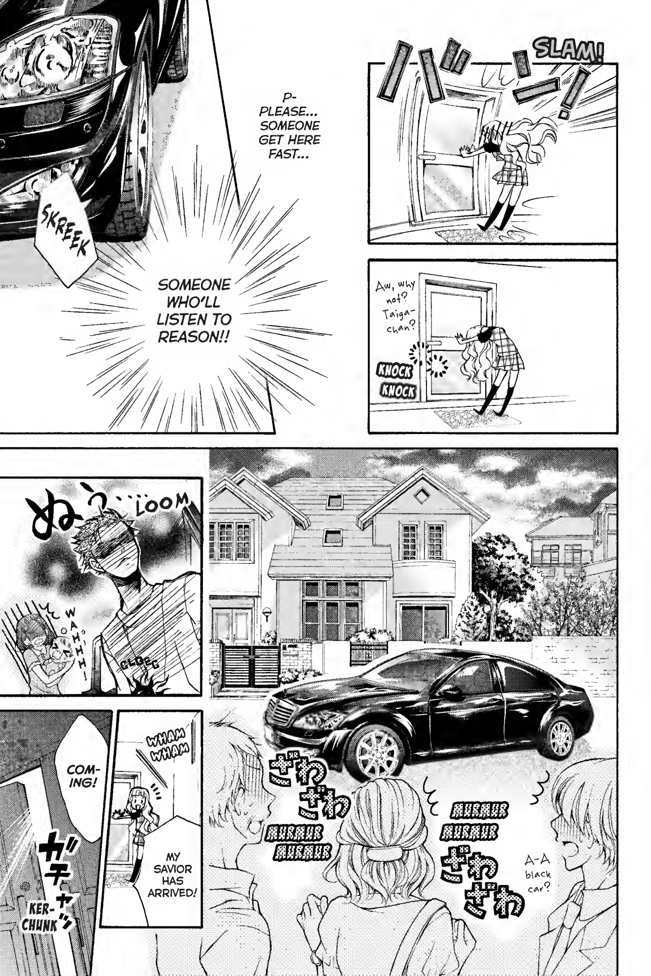

TEAR IT DOWN THIS INSTANT!
RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB
ゴゴゴゴ
DON'T EVEN COME INTO MY ROOM WITHOUT PERMISSION!
In fact...
AW, WHY NOT?
HE'S NOT MY BOY-FRIEND...
HE'S NOT EVEN MY FRIEND.
HE'S JUST SOME GUY I BUMPED INTO RIGHT AFTER MOVING TO THIS TOWN.
BUT NOW HE WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE.
JUST TODAY, HE DRAGGED ME INTO A POOL!
FWUMPH
DIDN'T I TELL YEW I'M GONNA BE YER PET?


SIGH...
くつろぎ…ooo
NICE-AND-RELAXED
HE'S PLANNING TO STAY HERE!
S-SURELY HE ISN'T THINKING ABOUT MOVING IN FOR GOOD?!
GO HOME!
YANK
くいっ
SMOOCH
BUT I GOT NO HOME TO GO TO.
DON'T ABANDON ME... "MASTER."
HEH HEH

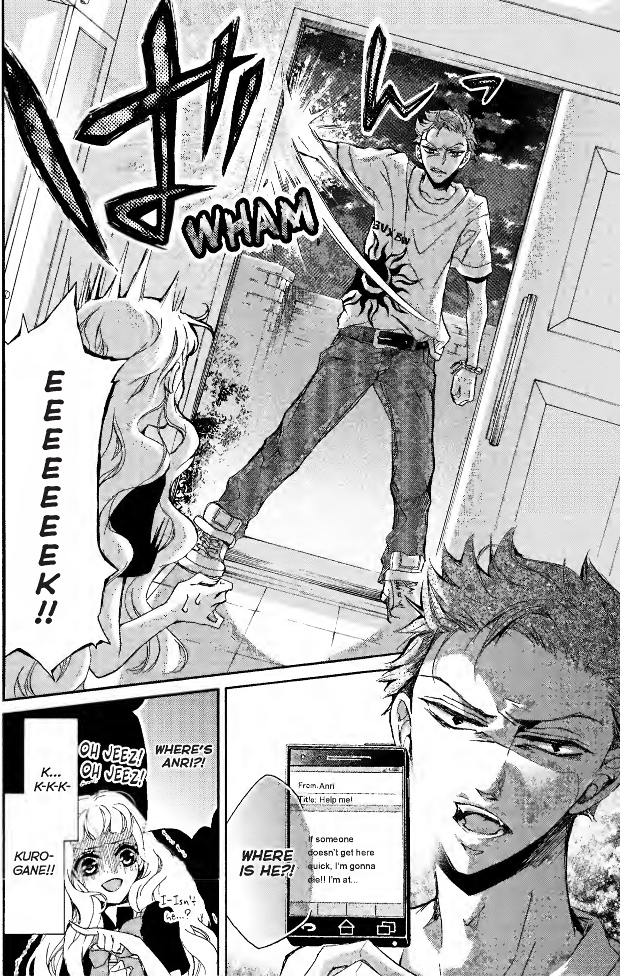

...
I'M SAYING I DON'T WANT YOU.
SHOVE
YOU KEEP MAKING FUN OF ME ALL THE—
SHOVE
AH ...
ふっくしゅ
ACHOO!
AH—
AH—
UGH ...
IT SURE IS FALL NOW, HUH? IT GETS REAL COLD WHEN YER WET.
THUNK
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP
I KEEP TELLING YOU YOU'RE BOTHERING ME!
EEEK!


ポ
ロッ
FLOP
OH.
WHAT IS IT, TAIGA-CHAN?
N-NOTHING!
さっ
FWIP
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I'LL BE ABLE...
TO CHASE ANRI ISEYA OUT OF MY HOUSE BY FORCE.
SO...
I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE SOMEONE COME GET HIM!!
MESSAGE SENT
一斉
SEND
DOOT-DEE-DOO!
送信!!
TO ALL!!


THAT SHOULD GUARANTEE AT LEAST ONE PERSON SHOWS UP...!
HEH HEH HEH!
...huh?
GONE.
HUH?
HUH?
GLANCE GLANCE
CREAK...
!!!
WHERE'D YOU GO, ANRI...
ISEYAAAAA?!?!
PHEW!
KA-POW
どしっ
That's warmin' me up!
PHEW!
A-ANRIIIIIIIII!
Oh!
TAIGA-CHAN!
JOIN ME!

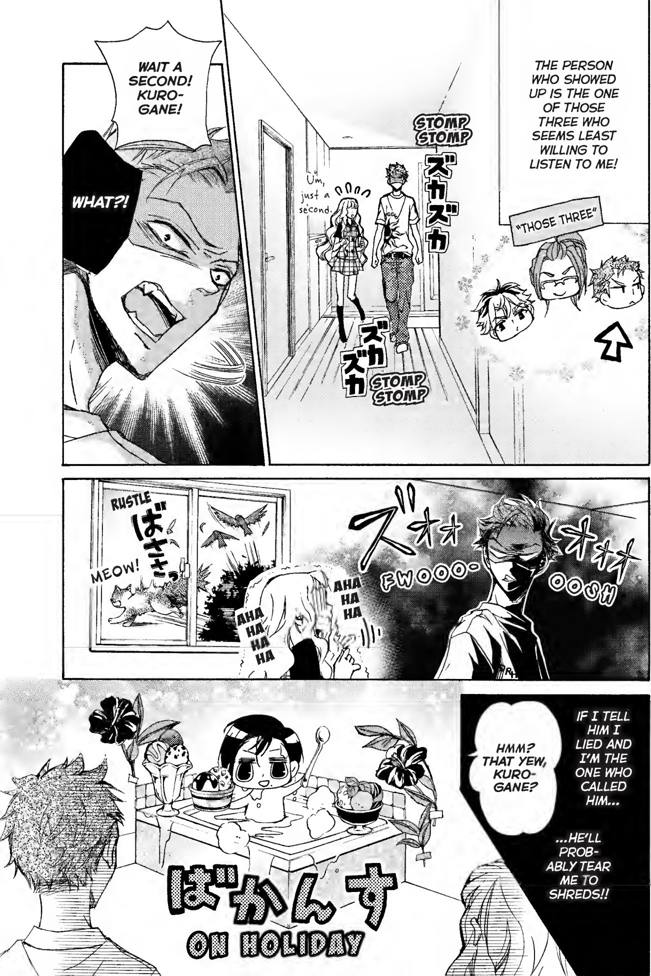


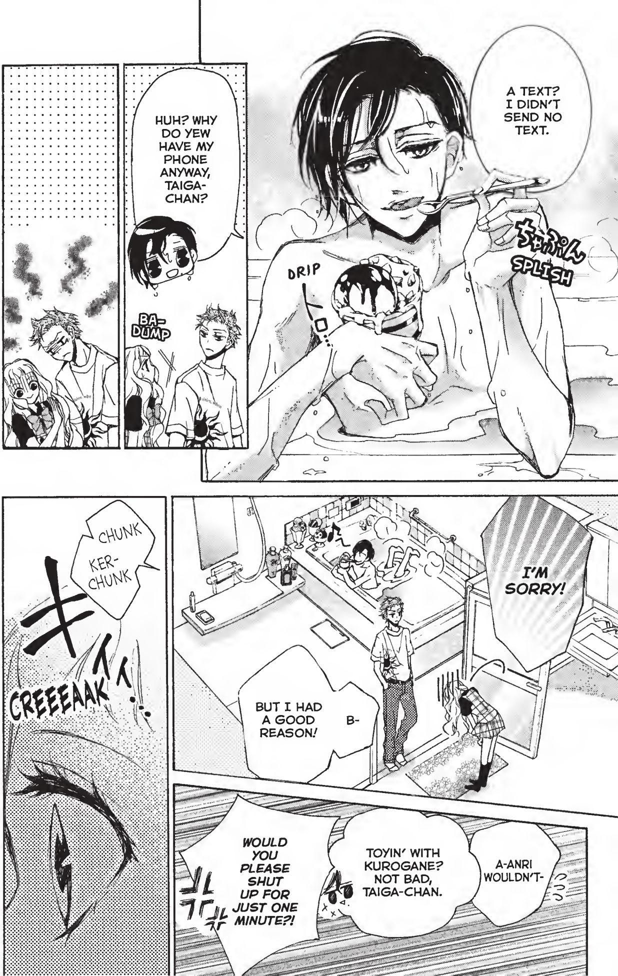
SLAM!
バーン！
Aw, why not? Taiga-chan?
KNOCK KNOCK
P-PLEASE... SOMEONE GET HERE FAST...
SOMEONE WHO'LL LISTEN TO REASON!!
SKREEK
A-A black car?
ざわ ざわ
MURMUR MURMUR
ざわ ざわ
MURMUR MURMUR
ぬう…… LOOM
WAHHH!
GLOEG
WHAM WHAM
MY SAVIOR HAS ARRIVED!
COMING!
ガチャッ
KER-CHUNK


WHAM
EEEEEEEEEK!!
WHERE IS HE?!
WHERE'S ANRI?!
OH JEEZ! OH JEEZ!
K... K-K-K-
KURO-GANE!!
I-Isn't he...?

From: Anri
Title: Help me!

If someone doesn't get here quick, I'm gonna die!! I'm at...


THE PERSON WHO SHOWED UP IS THE ONE OF THOSE THREE WHO SEEMS LEAST WILLING TO LISTEN TO ME!
"THOSE THREE"
STOMP STOMP
ズカズカ
Um, just a second.
ズカズカ
STOMP STOMP
WAIT A SECOND! KURO-GANE!
WHAT?!
ズオオ
FWOOO-
オオオ
OOSH
AHA HA HA
AHA HA HA HA
ばさきっ
RUSTLE
MEOW!
IF I TELL HIM I LIED AND I'M THE ONE WHO CALLED HIM...
...HE'LL PROBABLY TEAR ME TO SHREDS!!
HMM? THAT YEW, KURO-GANE?
ばかんす
ON HOLIDAY


A TEXT? I DIDN'T SEND NO TEXT.
ちゃぷん
SPLISH
DRIP
トロ…
HUH? WHY DO YEW HAVE MY PHONE ANYWAY, TAIGA-CHAN?
BA-DUMP
I'M SORRY!
B-
BUT I HAD A GOOD REASON!
A-ANRI WOULDN'T-
TOYIN' WITH KUROGANE? NOT BAD, TAIGA-CHAN.
WOULD YOU PLEASE SHUT UP FOR JUST ONE MINUTE?!
CHUNK
KER-CHUNK
キィィ
CREEEAAK…

3. ABOUT GUNKANJIMA

AFTER MY PREVIOUS WORK, "HYAKKI KOIRAN" FINISHED, I TOOK A SHORT BREAK.

WHILE IT WAS RUNNING, I DIDN'T EXACTLY LIVE WHAT YOU WOULD CALL A "HUMAN" LIFESTYLE. SO DURING THAT TIME, I CLEANED UP ALL THE BUSINESS THAT HAD PILED UP (AND I MEAN REALLY PILED UP).

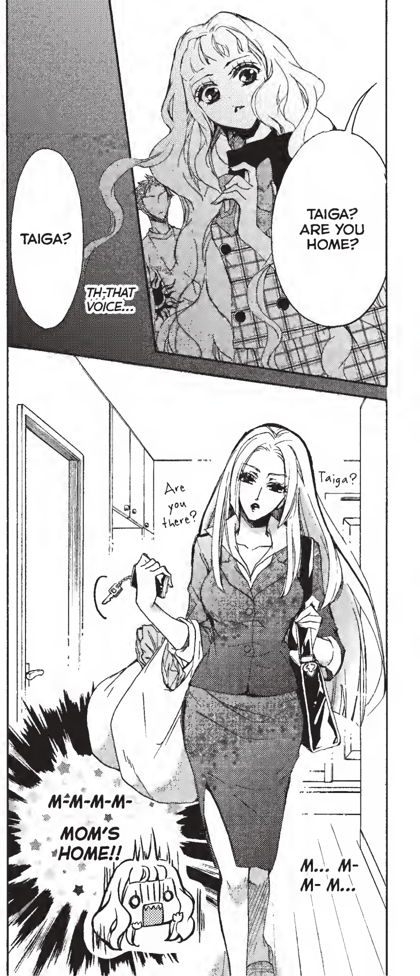
SO...DURING THIS VACATION, I WENT TO...

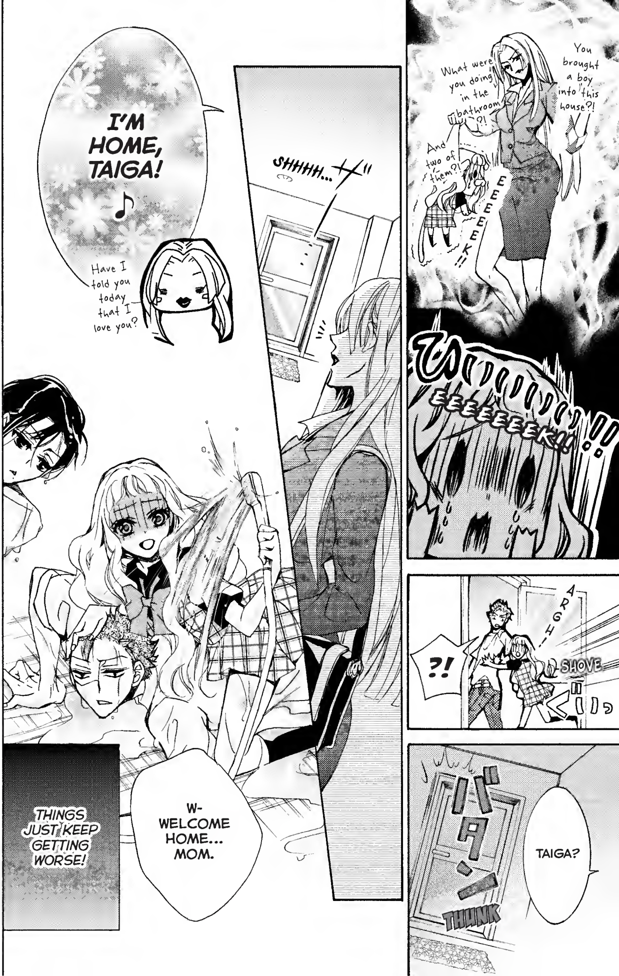
✦GUNKANJIMA✦!!

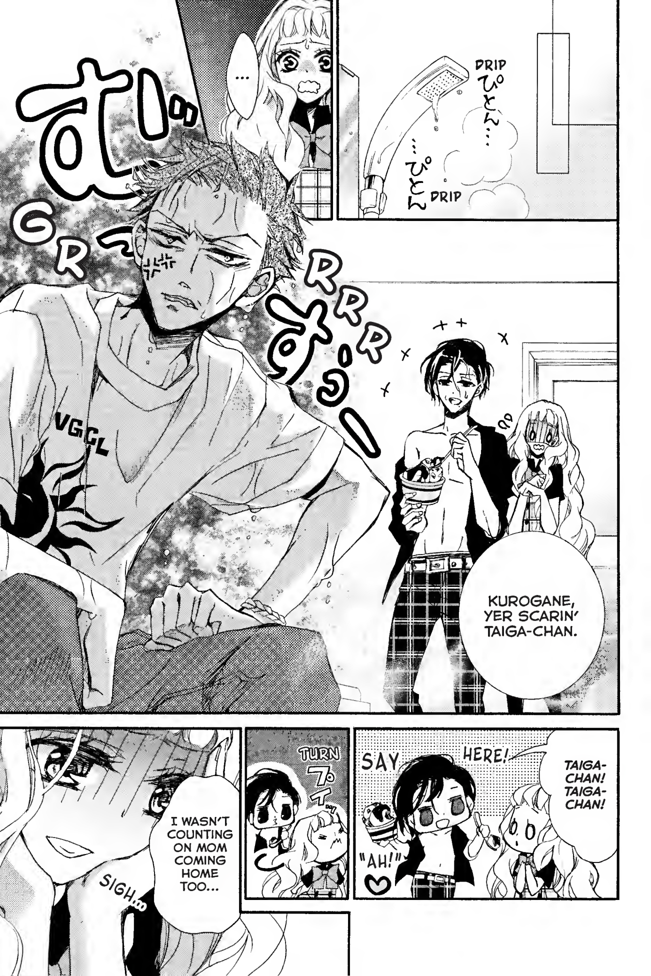
It's the island in Nagasaki Prefecture also known as "Hashima."
IT'S ABANDONED NOW!

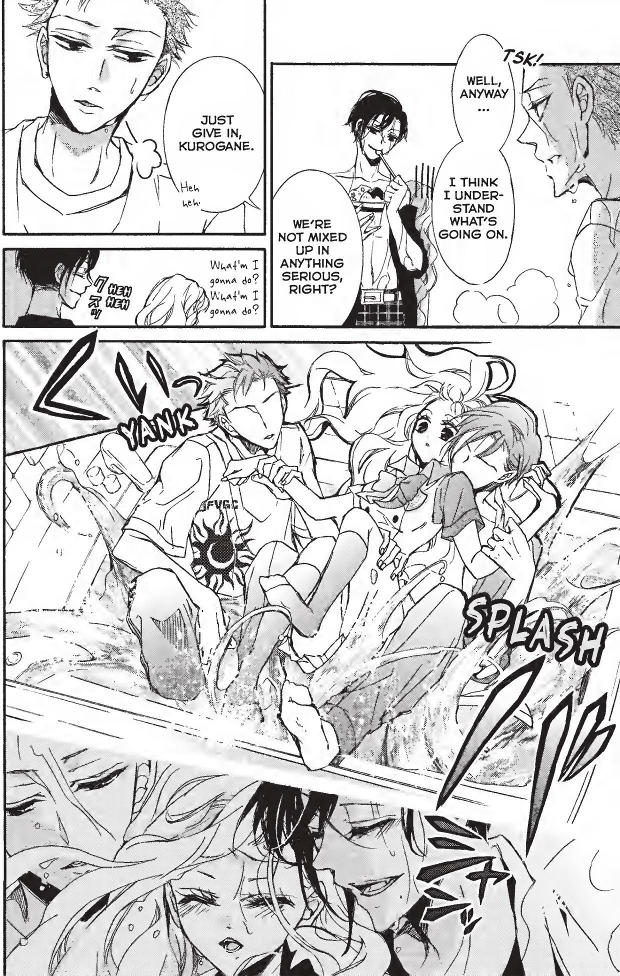
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO, BUT AN ACTUAL TRIP WOULD BE AN OVERNIGHT AFFAIR. SO WHEN I GOT A VACATION, I JUST DECIDED "NOW'S THE TIME!!" AND WENT FOR IT.

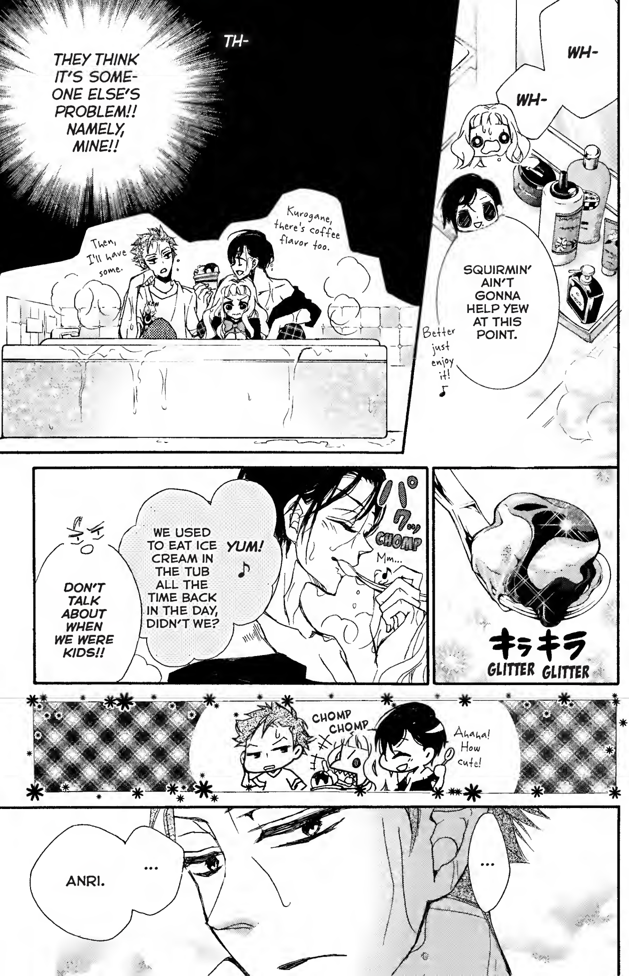
TO BE CONTINUED

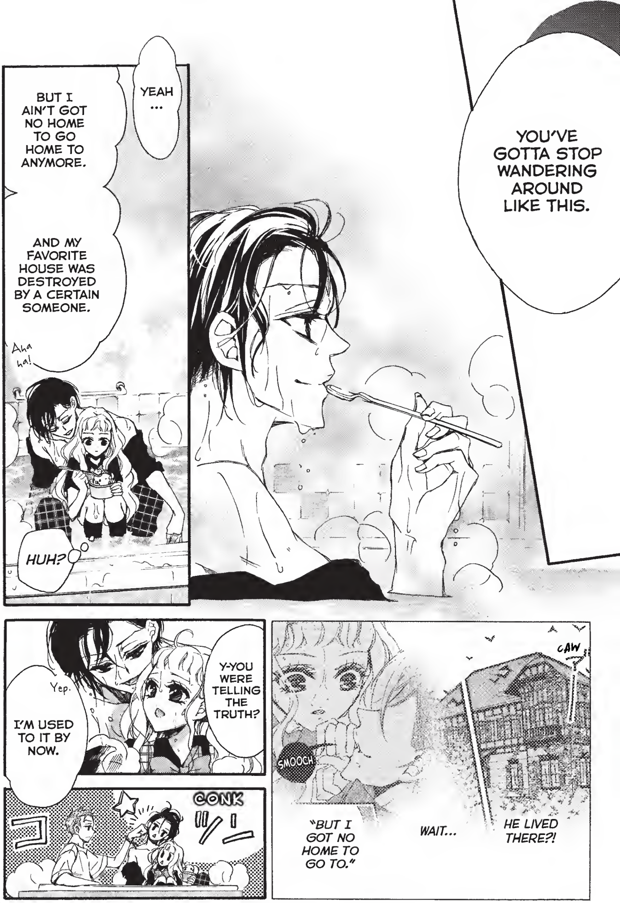

TAIGA? ARE YOU HOME?
TAIGA?
TH-THAT VOICE...
Taiga?
Are you there?
M... M- M- M...
M-M-M-M- MOM'S HOME!!

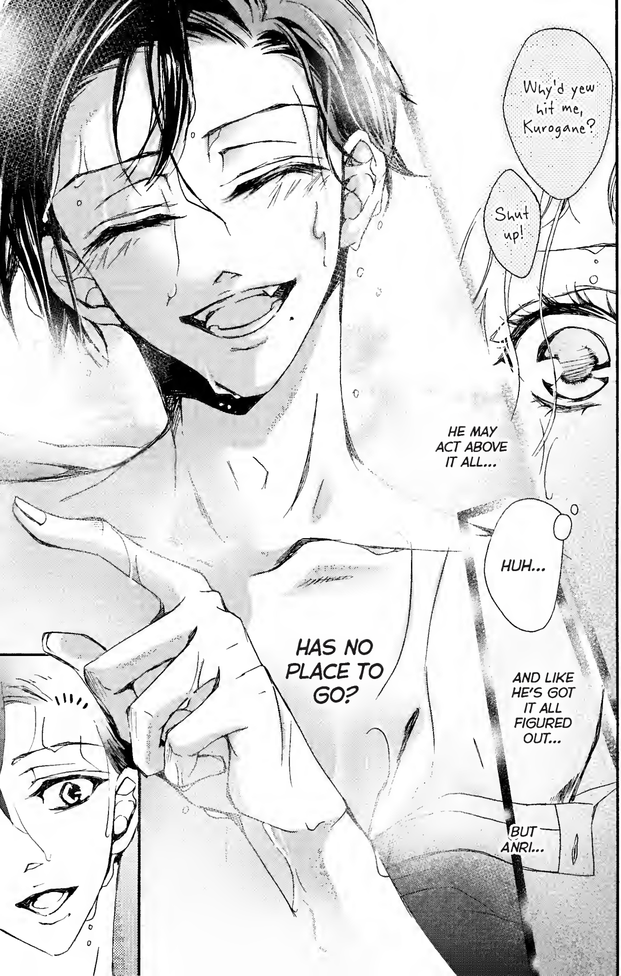

You brought a boy into this house?!
What were you doing in the bathroom?!
And two of them?!
EEEEEEK!!
EEEEEEEK!!
ARGH!
?!
SHOVE
TAIGA?
THUNK
SHHHH...
I'M HOME, TAIGA! ♪
Have I told you today that I love you?
W-WELCOME HOME... MOM.
THINGS JUST KEEP GETTING WORSE!

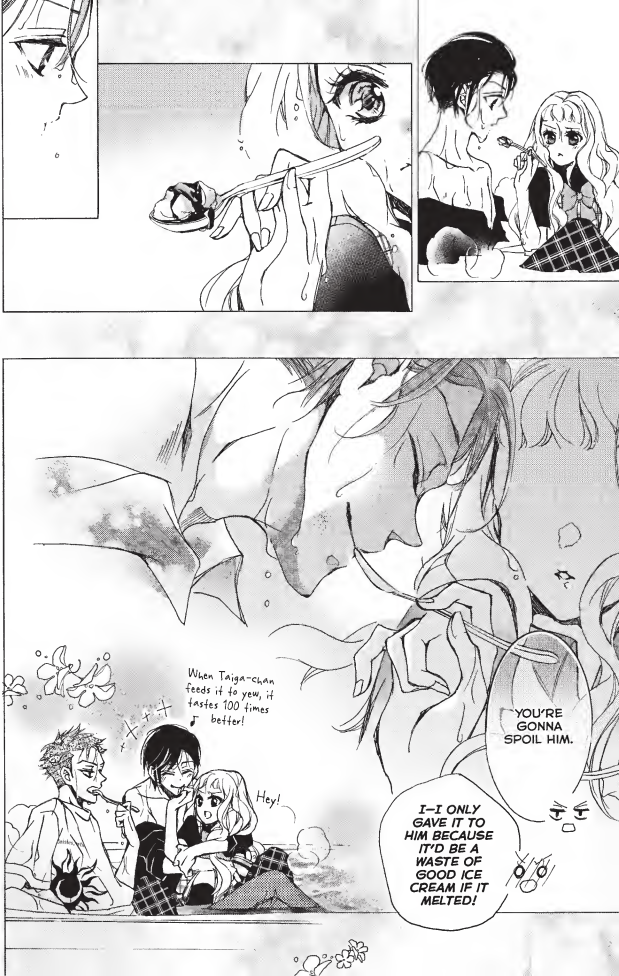

DRIP
ぴとん…
…ぴとん
DRIP
…
むっ
GR
RRR
すごー
VGGL
KUROGANE, YER SCARIN' TAIGA-CHAN.
TAIGA-CHAN! TAIGA-CHAN!
SAY
HERE!
"AH!"
TURN
プイ
I WASN'T COUNTING ON MOM COMING HOME TOO...
SIGH...

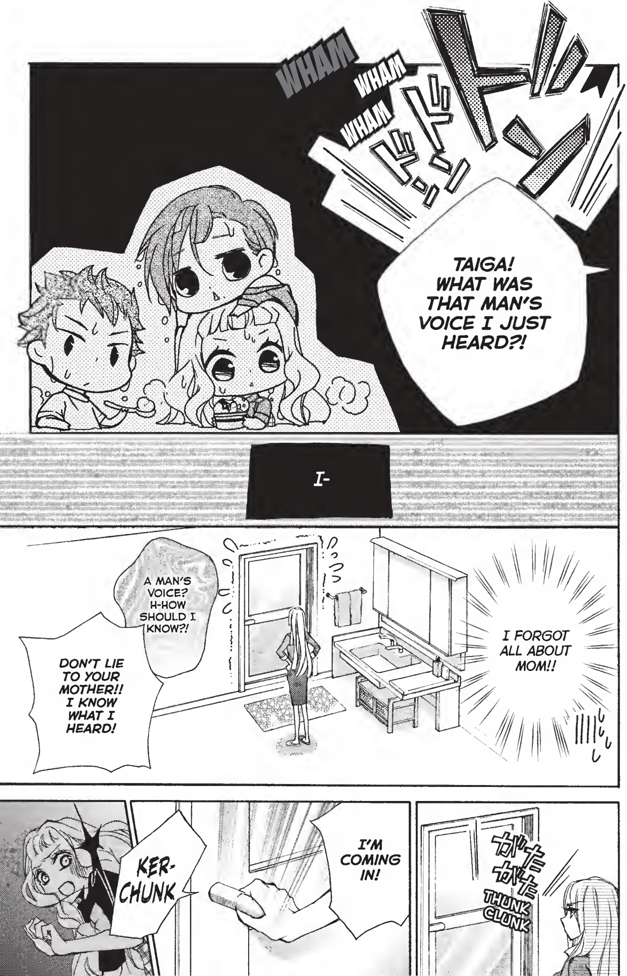

TSK!
WELL, ANYWAY ...
I THINK I UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON.
WE'RE NOT MIXED UP IN ANYTHING SERIOUS, RIGHT?
JUST GIVE IN, KUROGANE.
Heh heh.
What'm I gonna do? What'm I gonna do?
クスッ
HEH HEH
YANK
SPLASH

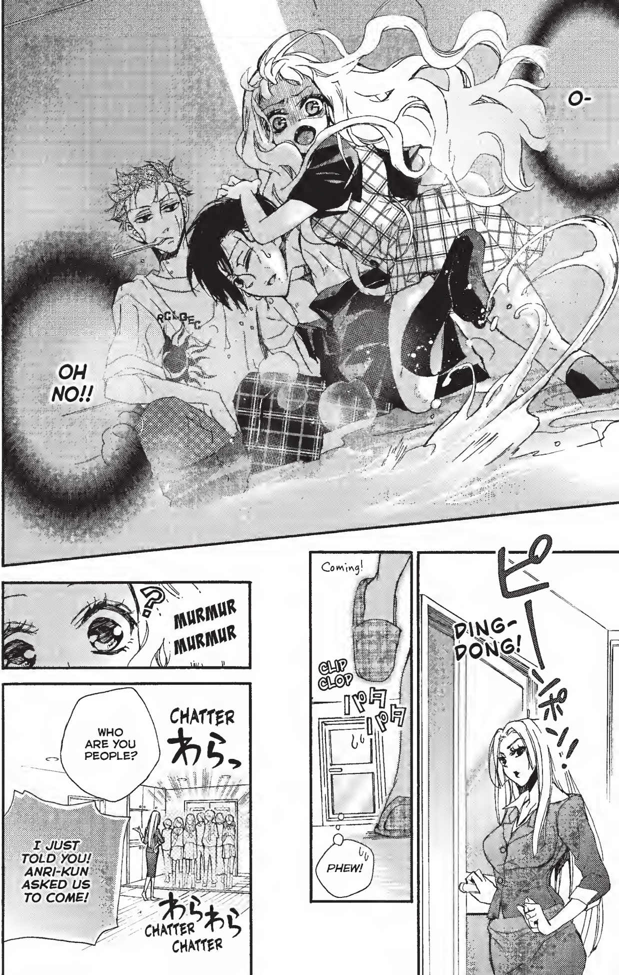

WH-
WH-
SQUIRMIN' AIN'T GONNA HELP YEW AT THIS POINT.
Better just enjoy it! ♪
TH-
THEY THINK IT'S SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM!! NAMELY, MINE!!
Kurogane, there's coffee flavor too.
Then, I'll have some.
キラキラ
GLITTER GLITTER
パクッ
CHOMP
Mm...
YUM! ♪
WE USED TO EAT ICE CREAM IN THE TUB ALL THE TIME BACK IN THE DAY, DIDN'T WE?
DON'T TALK ABOUT WHEN WE WERE KIDS!!
Ahaha! How cute!
CHOMP CHOMP
...
...
ANRI.

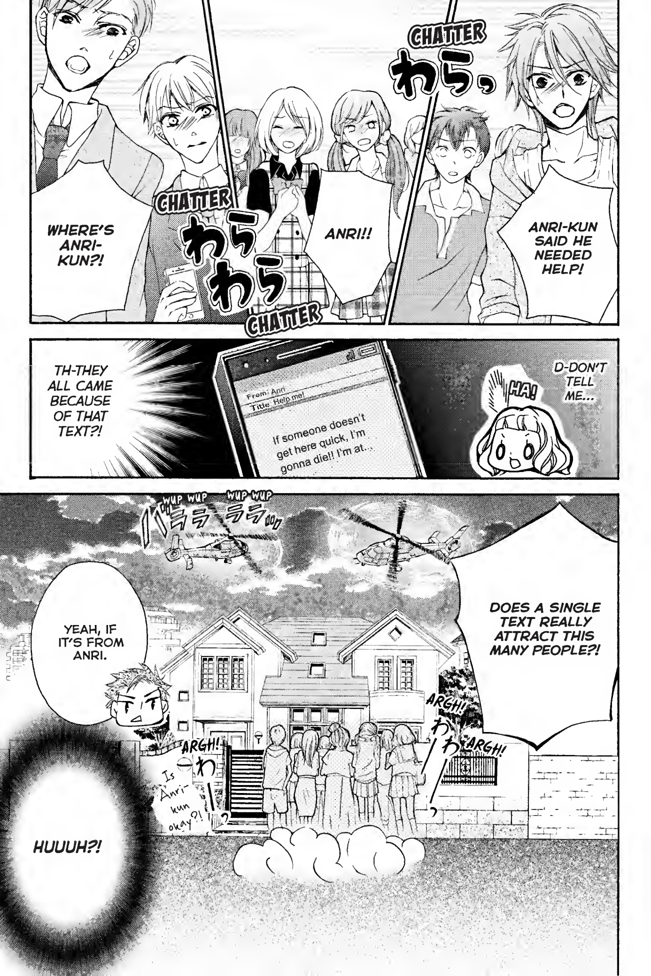

YOU'VE GOTTA STOP WANDERING AROUND LIKE THIS.
YEAH ...
BUT I AIN'T GOT NO HOME TO GO HOME TO ANYMORE.
AND MY FAVORITE HOUSE WAS DESTROYED BY A CERTAIN SOMEONE.
Aha ha!
HUH?
CAW
SMOOCH
HE LIVED THERE?!
WAIT...
"BUT I GOT NO HOME TO GO TO."
Y-YOU WERE TELLING THE TRUTH?
Yep.
I'M USED TO IT BY NOW.
CONK


Why'd yew hit me, Kurogane?
Shut up!
HE MAY ACT ABOVE IT ALL...
HUH...
AND LIKE HE'S GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT...
BUT ANRI...
HAS NO PLACE TO GO?


YOU'RE GONNA SPOIL HIM.
I—I ONLY GAVE IT TO HIM BECAUSE IT'D BE A WASTE OF GOOD ICE CREAM IF IT MELTED!
When Taiga-chan feeds it to yew, it tastes 100 times better! ♪
Hey!

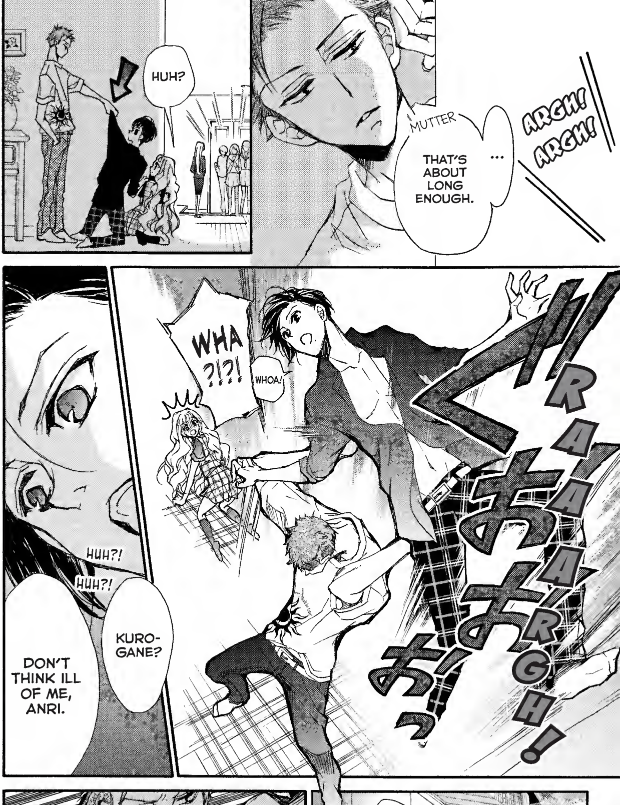

WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
TAIGA! WHAT WAS THAT MAN'S VOICE I JUST HEARD?!
I-
I FORGOT ALL ABOUT MOM!!
A MAN'S VOICE? H-HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!
DON'T LIE TO YOUR MOTHER!! I KNOW WHAT I HEARD!
がたがた
THUNK CLUNK
I'M COMING IN!
KER-CHUNK

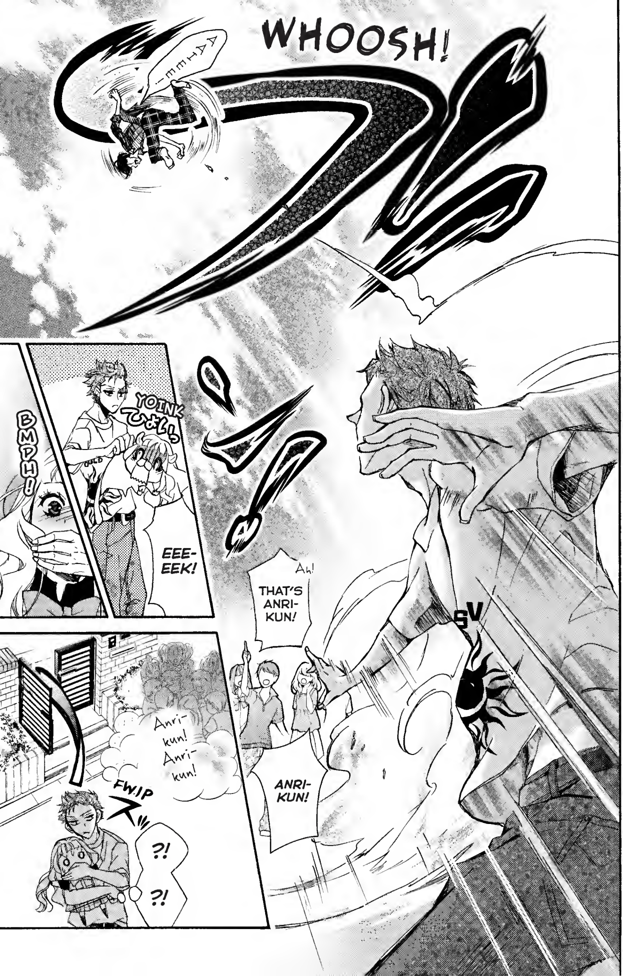

O-
OH NO!!
ピーンポーン!!
DING-DONG!
Coming!
CLIP CLOP
パタパタ
PHEW!
?
MURMUR MURMUR
WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?
CHATTER
わらっ
I JUST TOLD YOU! ANRI-KUN ASKED US TO COME!
わらわら
CHATTER CHATTER

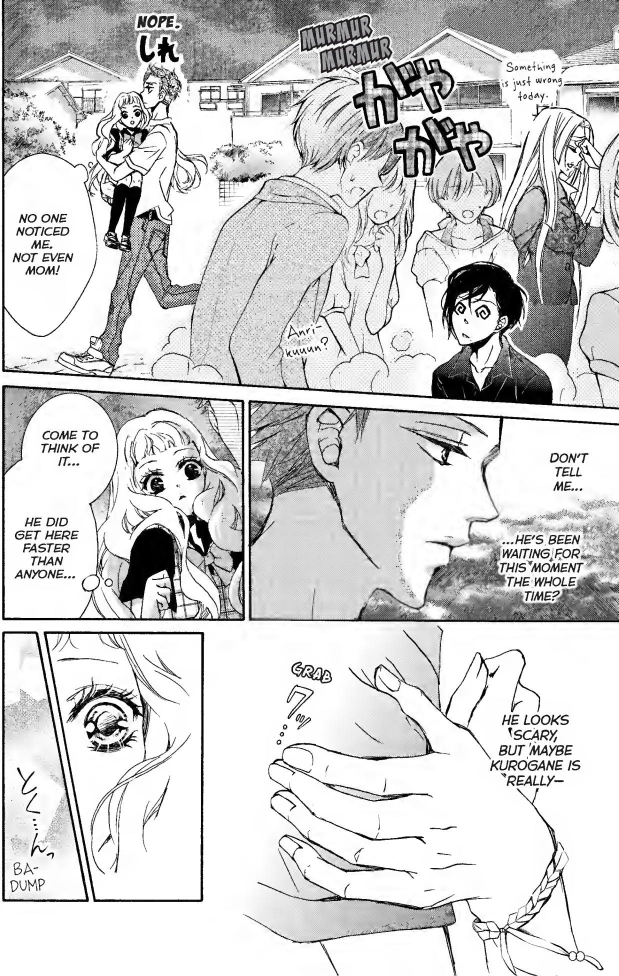

CHATTER
わらっ
ANRI-KUN SAID HE NEEDED HELP!
ANRI!!
CHATTER
わら わら
CHATTER
WHERE'S ANRI-KUN?!
HA!
D-DON'T TELL ME...
TH-THEY ALL CAME BECAUSE OF THAT TEXT?!
DOES A SINGLE TEXT REALLY ATTRACT THIS MANY PEOPLE?!
WUP WUP WUP WUP
バラララ ラララ
ARGH!
わ
ARGH!
わ!
ARGH!
わー!?
Is Anri-kun okay?!
YEAH, IF IT'S FROM ANRI.
HUUUH?!

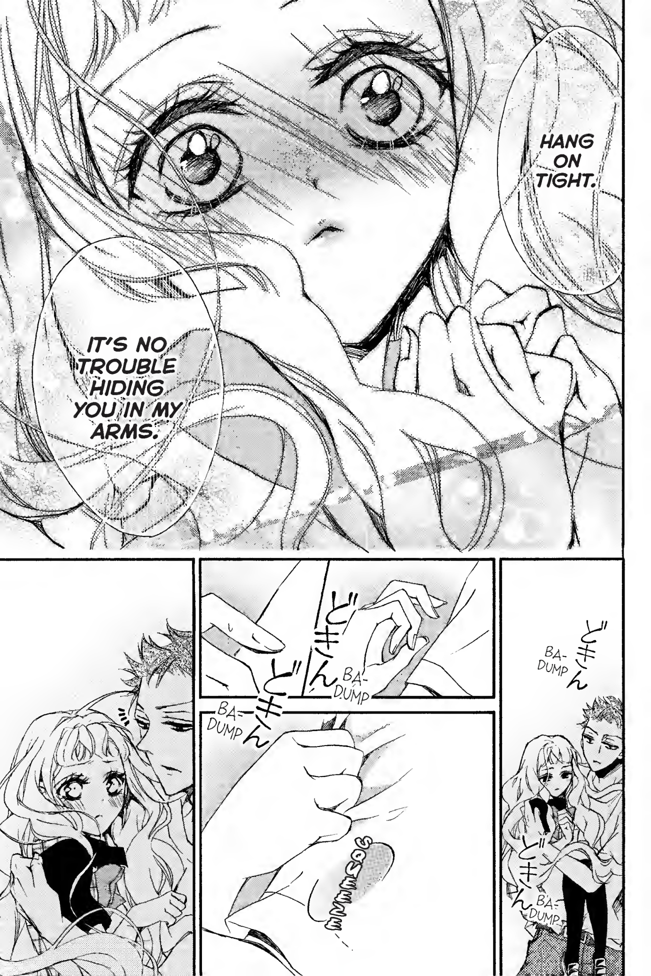
From: Anri
Title: Help me!

If someone doesn't get here quick, I'm gonna die!! I'm at...


ARGH! ARGH!
MUTTER
... THAT'S ABOUT LONG ENOUGH.
HUH?
RAAARGH!
WHOA!
WHA ?!?!
HUH?!
HUH?!
KURO-GANE?
DON'T THINK ILL OF ME, ANRI.
THUNK


WHOOSH!
AAHEEE—!
Ah!
THAT'S ANRI-KUN!
ANRI-KUN!
SV
YOINK
ひょいっ
EEE-EEK!
BMPH!
Anri-kun! Anri-kun!
FWIP
?!
?!


Something is just wrong today.
MURMUR MURMUR
がやがや
NOPE.
しれ
Anri-kuuun?
NO ONE NOTICED ME. NOT EVEN MOM!
DON'T TELL ME...
...HE'S BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT THE WHOLE TIME?
COME TO THINK OF IT...
HE DID GET HERE FASTER THAN ANYONE...
GRAB
HE LOOKS SCARY, BUT MAYBE KUROGANE IS REALLY—
とく…ん
BA-DUMP


HANG ON TIGHT.
IT'S NO TROUBLE HIDING YOU IN MY ARMS.
どきん BA-DUMP
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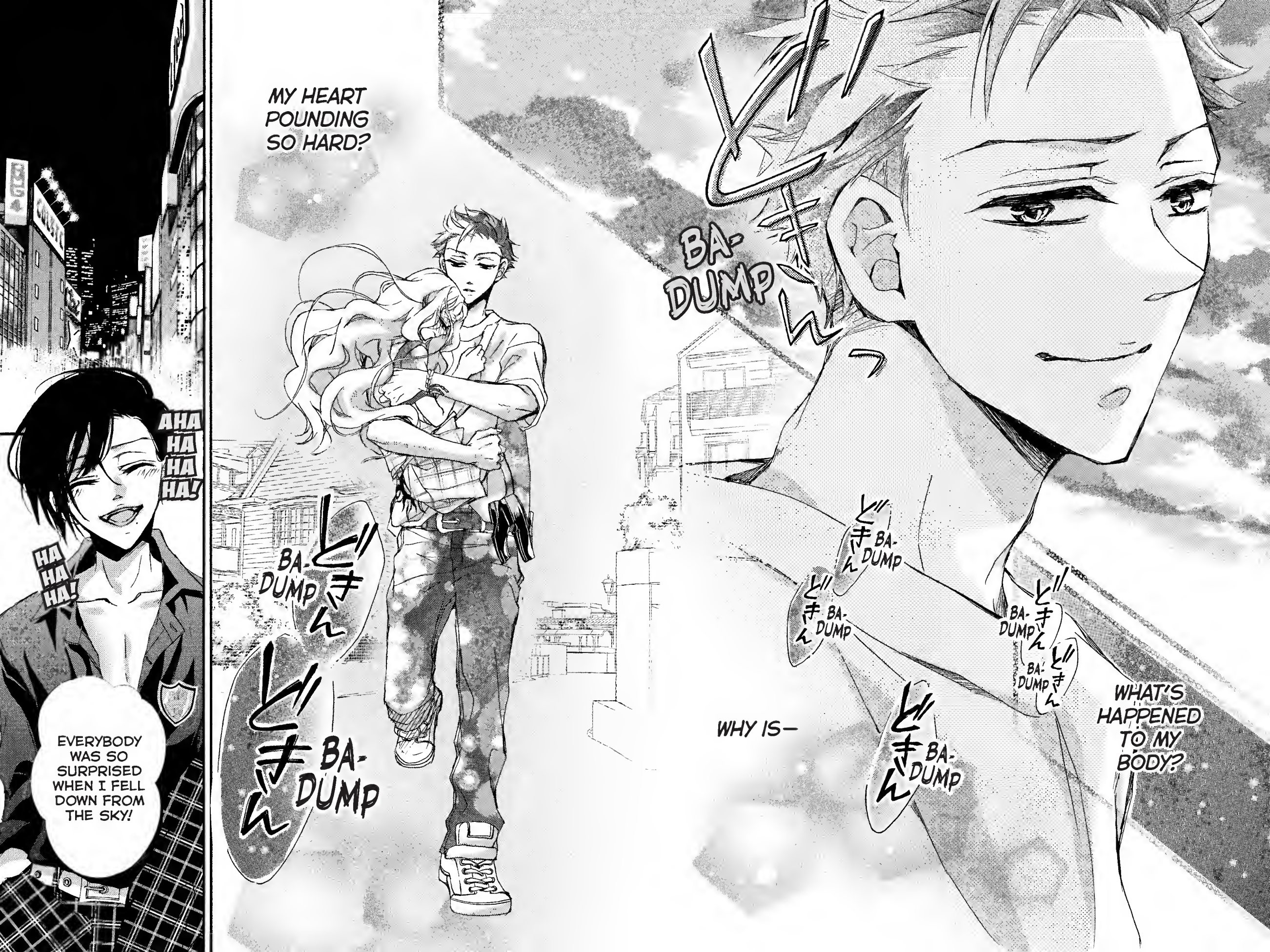
どきん BA-DUMP
SQUEEEEE


どきんっ
BA-DUMP
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WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY BODY?
どきん
BA-DUMP
WHY IS—
MY HEART POUNDING SO HARD?
どきん
BA-DUMP
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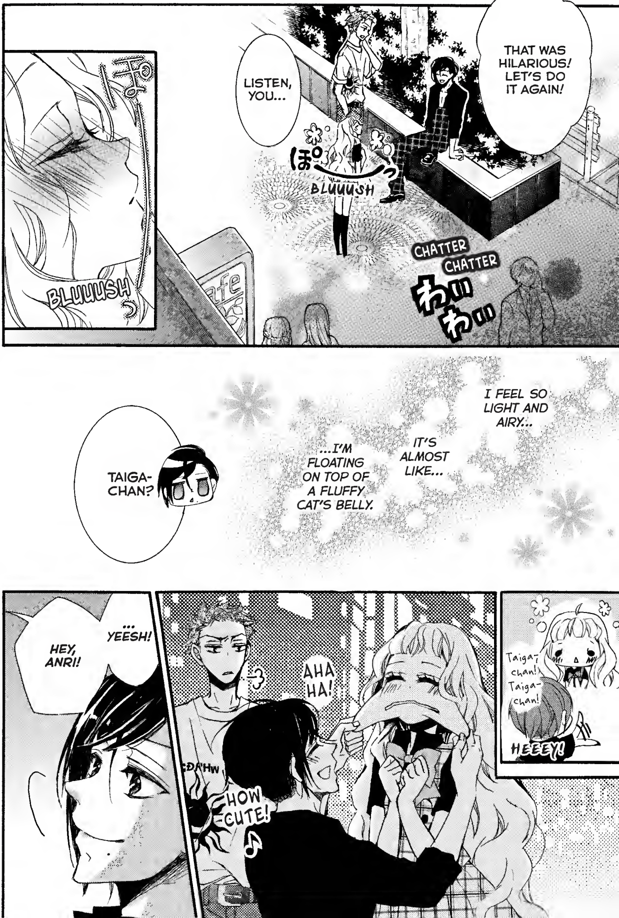
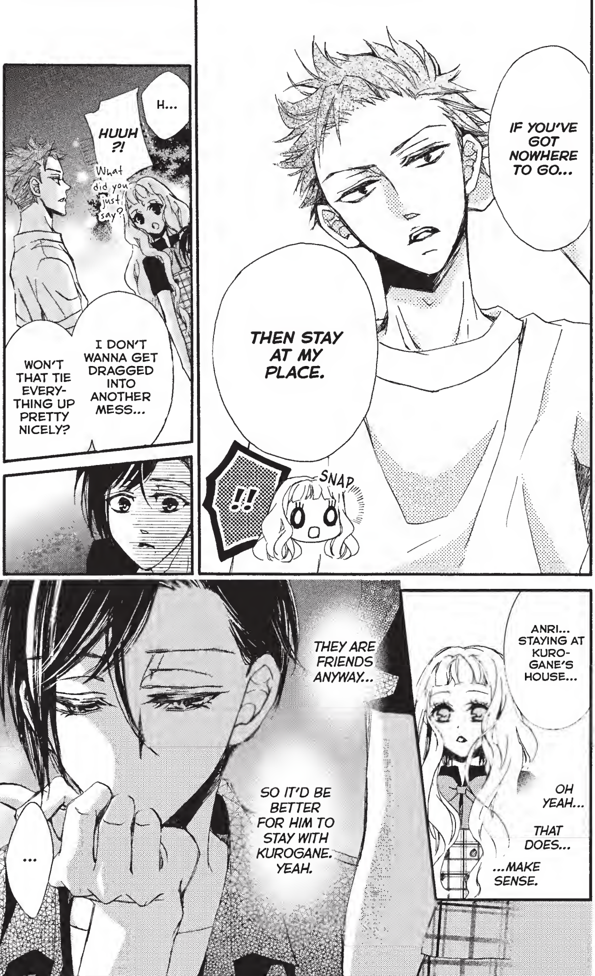
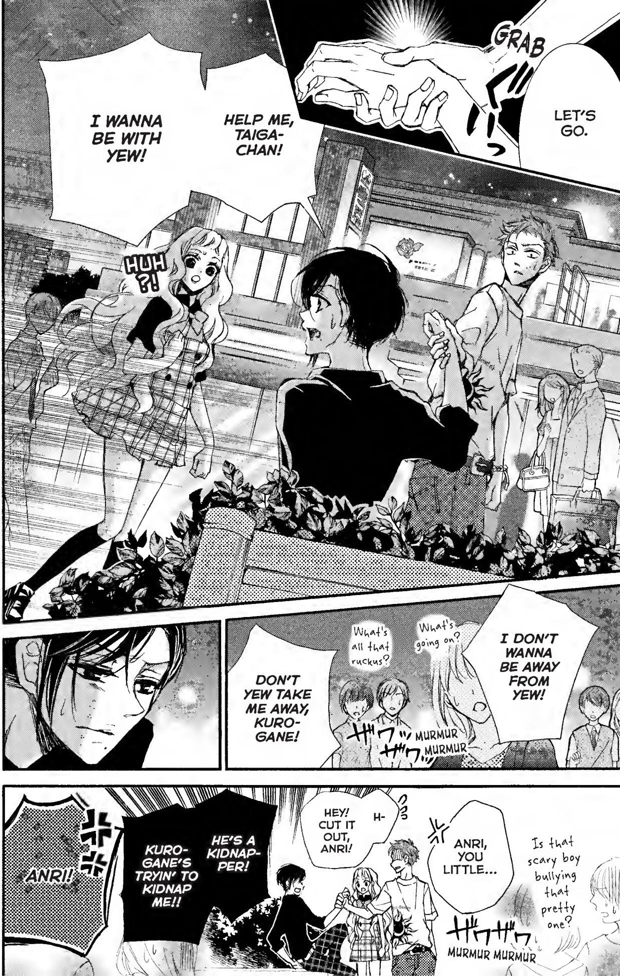
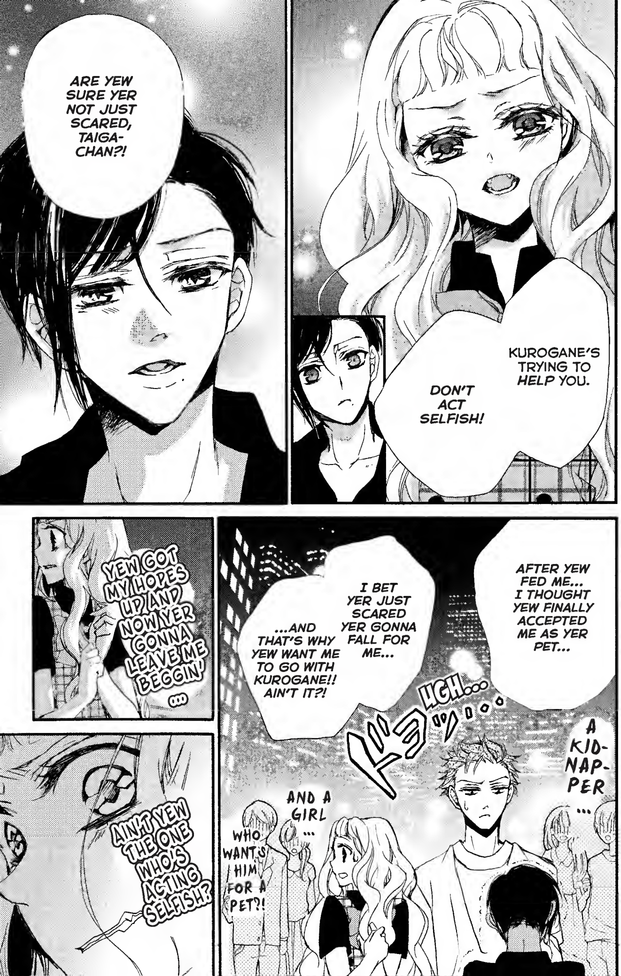
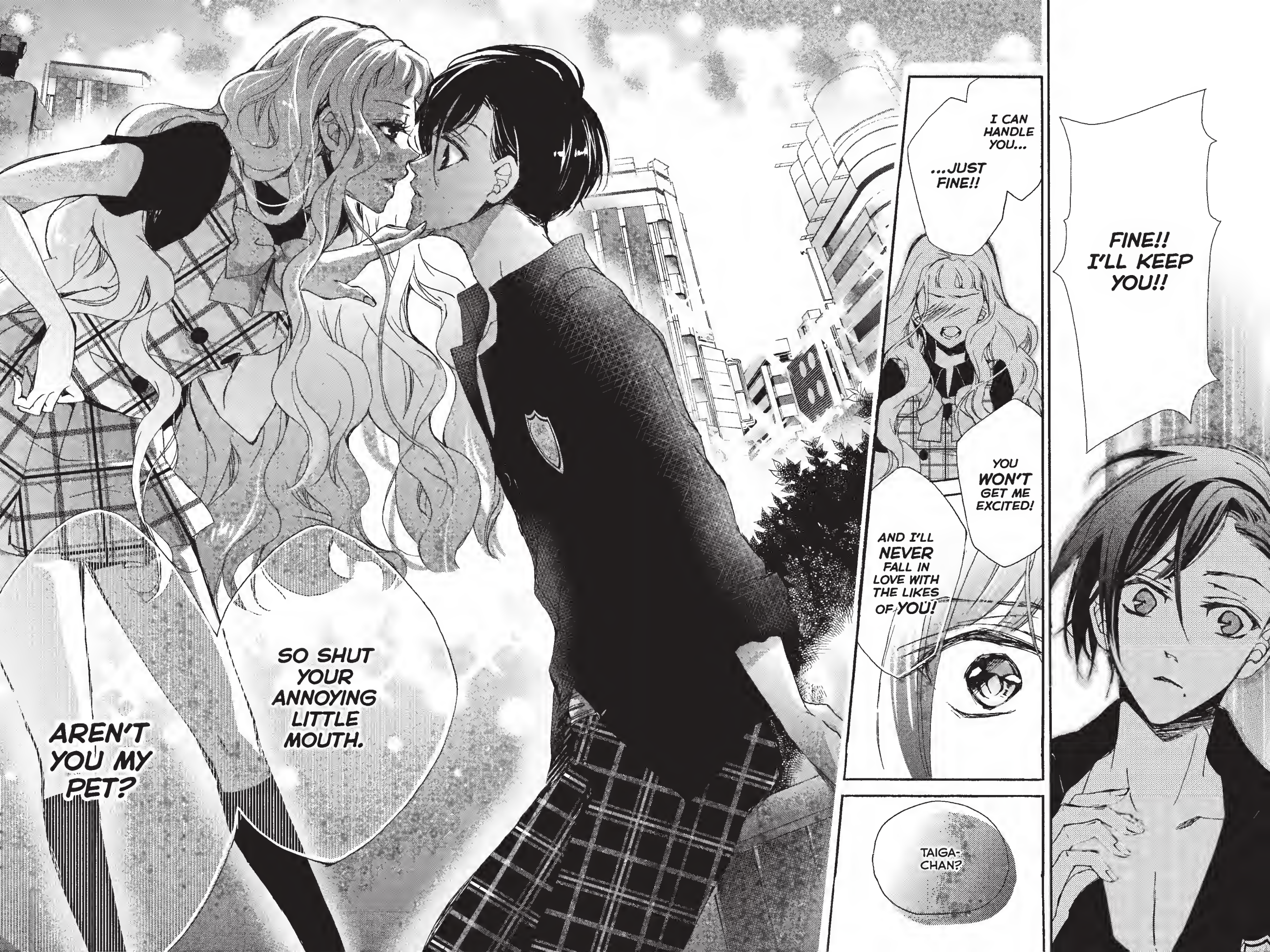
AHA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!
EVERYBODY WAS SO SURPRISED WHEN I FELL DOWN FROM THE SKY!

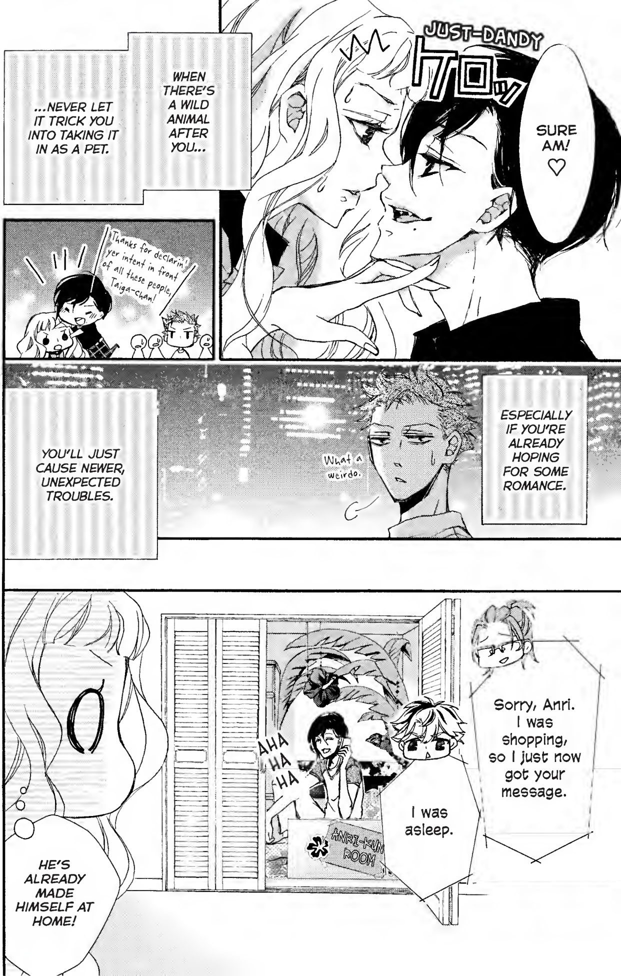

THAT WAS HILARIOUS! LET'S DO IT AGAIN!
LISTEN, YOU...
ぽ~っ
BLUUUSH
CHATTER CHATTER
わいわい
ぽ~っ
BLUUUSH
I FEEL SO LIGHT AND AIRY...
IT'S ALMOST LIKE...
...I'M FLOATING ON TOP OF A FLUFFY CAT'S BELLY.
TAIGA-CHAN?
Taiga-chan! Taiga-chan!
HEEEY!
AHA HA!
HOW CUTE! ♪
...YEESH!
HEY, ANRI!


IF YOU'VE GOT NOWHERE TO GO...
THEN STAY AT MY PLACE.
SNAP
!!
H...
HUUH ?!
What did you just say?
I DON'T WANNA GET DRAGGED INTO ANOTHER MESS...
WON'T THAT TIE EVERY-THING UP PRETTY NICELY?
ANRI... STAYING AT KURO-GANE'S HOUSE...
OH YEAH...
THAT DOES...
...MAKE SENSE.
THEY ARE FRIENDS ANYWAY...
SO IT'D BE BETTER FOR HIM TO STAY WITH KUROGANE. YEAH.
...


GRAB
LET'S GO.
HELP ME, TAIGA-CHAN!
I WANNA BE WITH YEW!
HUH?!
I DON'T WANNA BE AWAY FROM YEW!
What's going on?
What's all that ruckus?
DON'T YEW TAKE ME AWAY, KUROGANE!
ザワ ザワ MURMUR MURMUR
Is that scary boy bullying that pretty one?
ザワザワ MURMUR MURMUR
ANRI, YOU LITTLE...
H-
HEY! CUT IT OUT, ANRI!
HE'S A KIDNAPPER!
KUROGANE'S TRYIN' TO KIDNAP ME!!
ANRI!

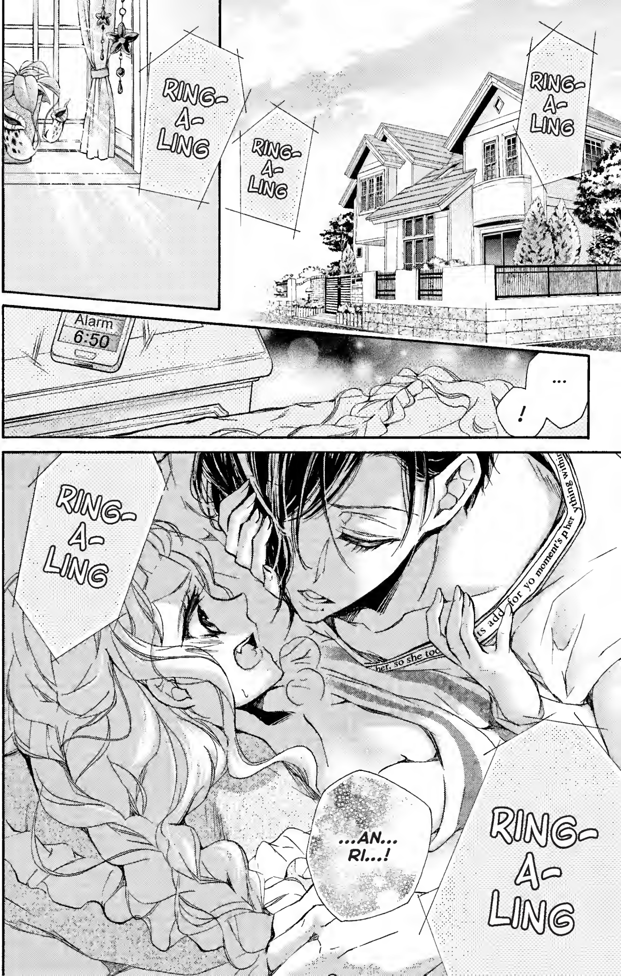

KUROGANE'S TRYING TO HELP YOU.
DON'T ACT SELFISH!
ARE YEW SURE YER NOT JUST SCARED, TAIGA-CHAN?!
AFTER YEW FED ME... I THOUGHT YEW FINALLY ACCEPTED ME AS YER PET...
I BET YER JUST SCARED YER GONNA FALL FOR ME...
...AND THAT'S WHY YEW WANT ME TO GO WITH KUROGANE!! AIN'T IT?!
UGH...
A KIDNAPPER...
AND A GIRL...
WHO WANTS HIM FOR A PET?!
YEW GOT MY HOPES UP AND NOW YER GONNA LEAVE ME BEGGIN'...
AIN'T YEW THE ONE WHO'S ACTING SELFISH?

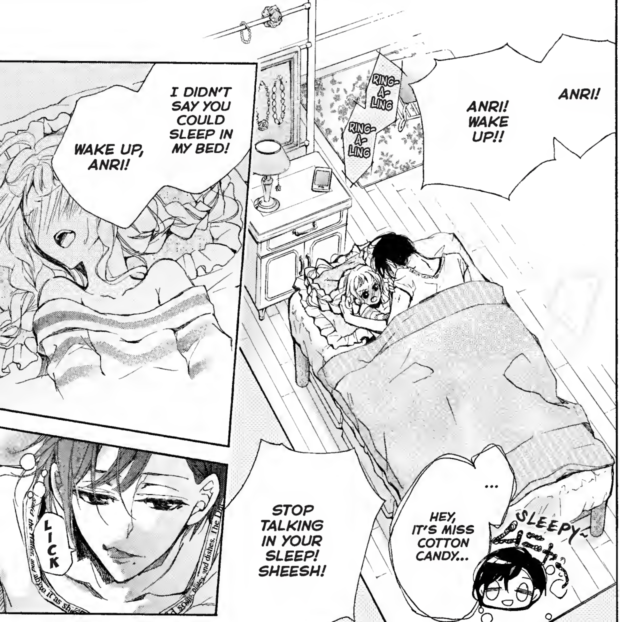

FINE!! I'LL KEEP YOU!!
I CAN HANDLE YOU...
...JUST FINE!!
YOU WON'T GET ME EXCITED!
AND I'LL NEVER FALL IN LOVE WITH THE LIKES OF YOU!
TAIGA-CHAN?
SO SHUT YOUR ANNOYING LITTLE MOUTH.
AREN'T YOU MY PET?


JUST-DANDY
トロッ
SURE AM! ♡
WHEN THERE'S A WILD ANIMAL AFTER YOU...
...NEVER LET IT TRICK YOU INTO TAKING IT IN AS A PET.
Thanks for declarin' yer intent in front of all these people, Taiga-chan!
ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE ALREADY HOPING FOR SOME ROMANCE.
What a weirdo.
YOU'LL JUST CAUSE NEWER, UNEXPECTED TROUBLES.
Sorry, Anri. I was shopping, so I just now got your message.
I was asleep.
AHA HA HA
ANRI-KUN ROOM
HE'S ALREADY MADE HIMSELF AT HOME!

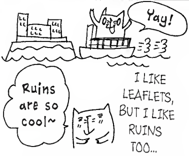
TRAP 4

The Lunchtime Premonition


RING-A-LING
RING-A-LING
RING-A-LING
Alarm
6:50
...
!
RING-A-LING
RING-A-LING
...AN... RI...!


ANRI!
ANRI! WAKE UP!!
RING-A-LING
RING-A-LING
I DIDN'T SAY YOU COULD SLEEP IN MY BED!
WAKE UP, ANRI!
...
HEY, IT'S MISS COTTON CANDY...
SLEEPY~
STOP TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP! SHEESH!
LICK

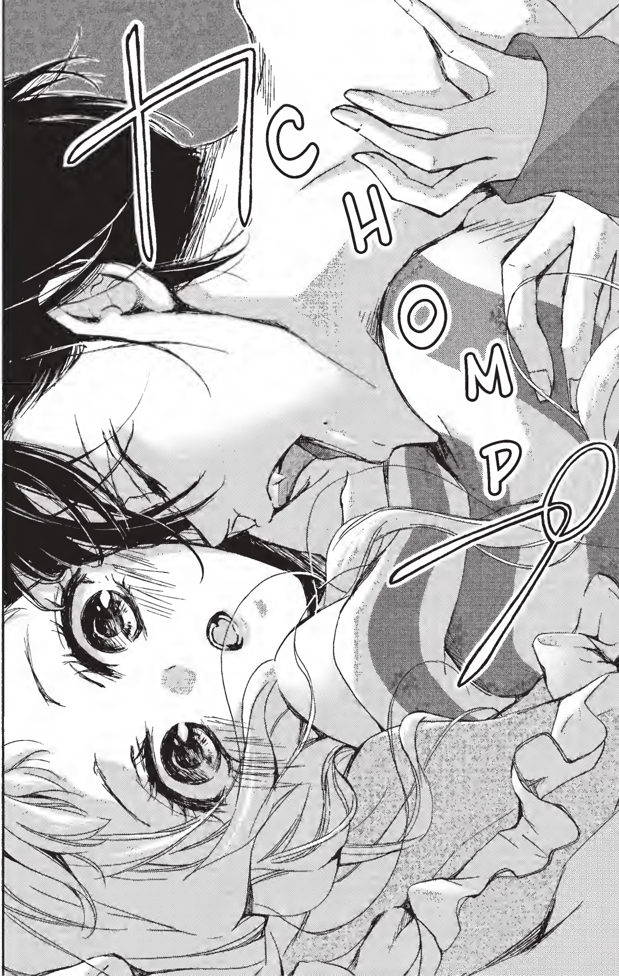
4. GUNKANJIMA CONTINUED


Yay!
Ruins are so cool~
I LIKE LEAFLETS, BUT I LIKE RUINS TOO...

THE DAY OF MY VISIT, THE WEATHER WAS FABULOUS!! AND I TOOK TONS OF PHOTOS!! I ACTUALLY USED SOME OF THOSE AS REFERENCES FOR THE RUINED HOUSE IN CHAPTER ONE OF THIS STORY, *BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN.*

※ THIS IS A BIT OF A DIGRESSION, BUT DURING MY TRIP TO GUNKANJIMA, OUR PET DOG KOTARO GOT A HERNIA (SEE "HYAKKI KOIRAN" VOLUME 7 FOR DETAILS!), SO I HAD TO RUSH HOME TO TOKYO.

But I'm fine now!
やれやれ
YEESH.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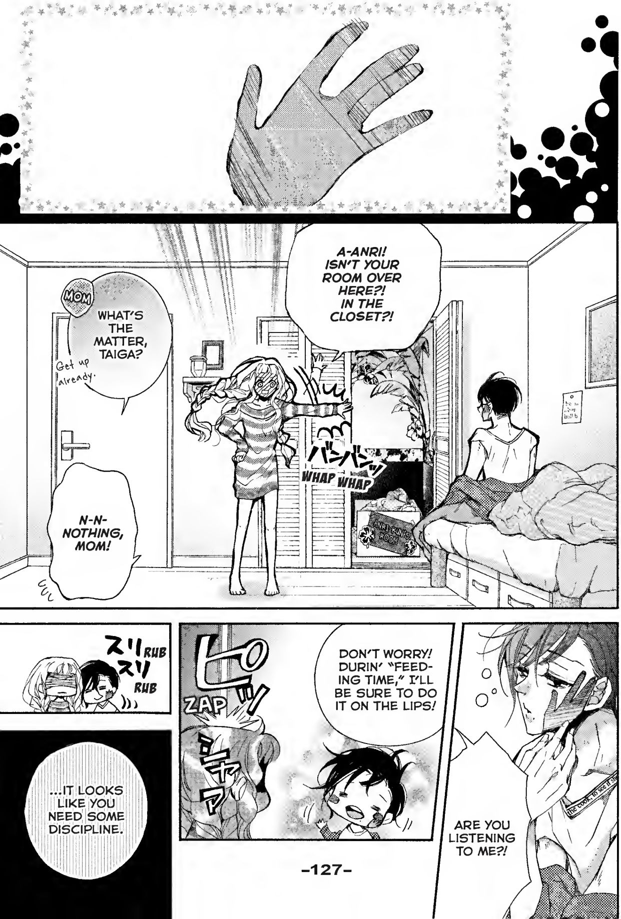
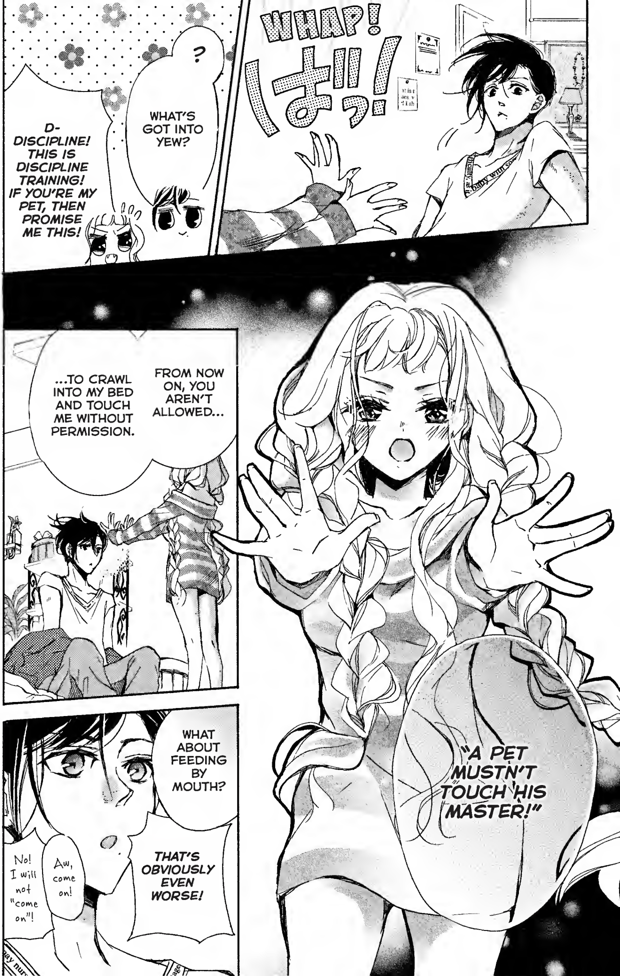
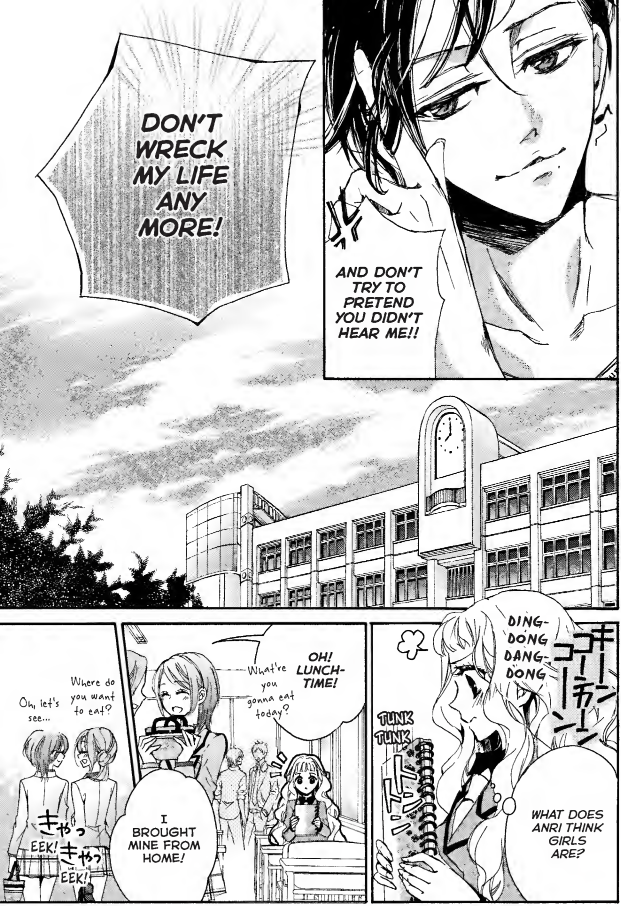
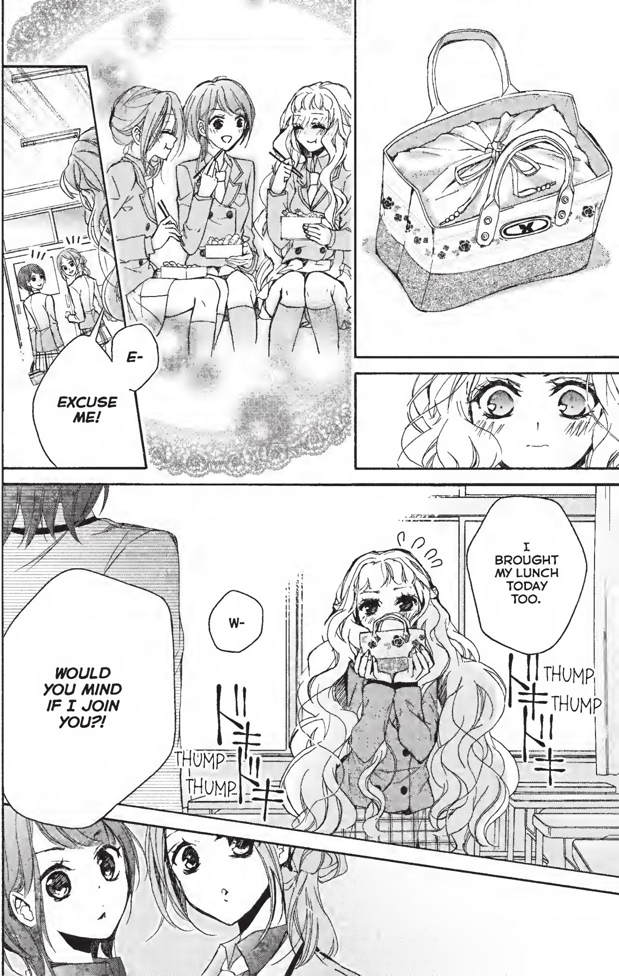
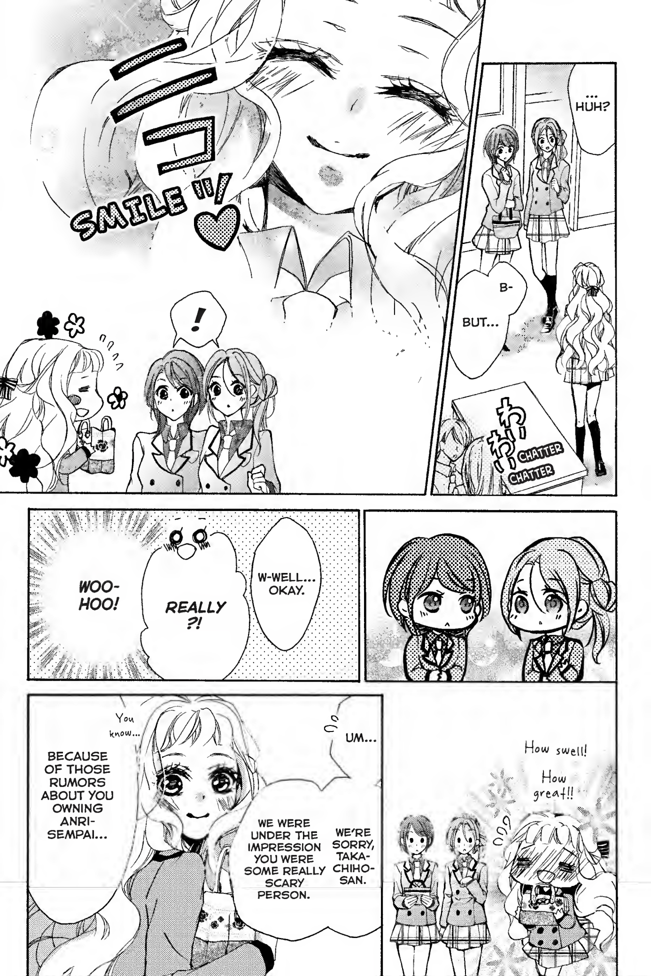
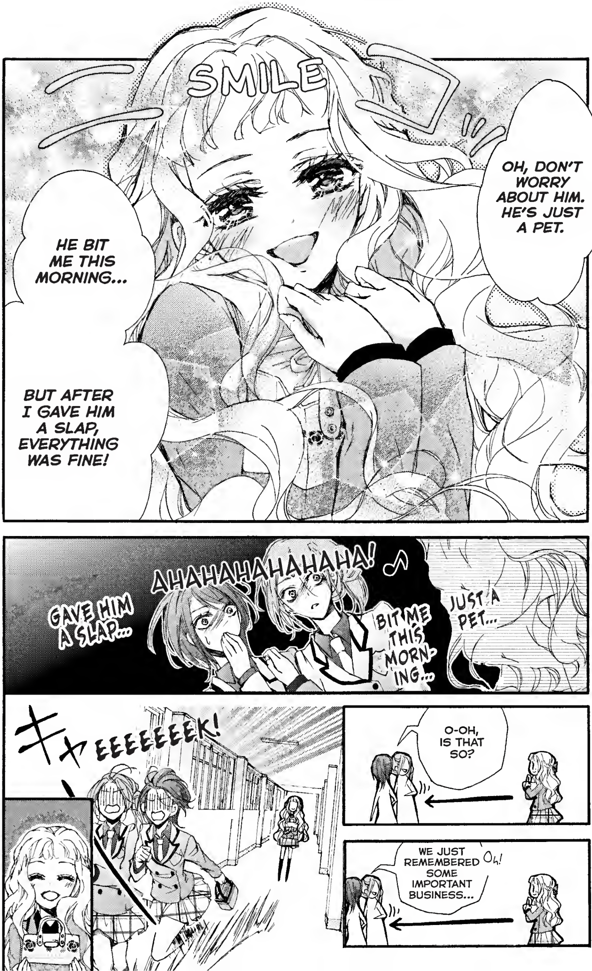

A-ANRI! ISN'T YOUR ROOM OVER HERE?! IN THE CLOSET?!
バンバンッ
WHAP WHAP
ANRI-KUN'S ROOM
MOM
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TAIGA?
Get up already.
N-N-NOTHING, MOM!
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
DON'T WORRY! DURIN' "FEEDING TIME," I'LL BE SURE TO DO IT ON THE LIPS!
ピッ
ZAP
シャア
スリ RUB
スリ RUB
...IT LOOKS LIKE YOU NEED SOME DISCIPLINE.


WHAP!
ぱっ!
?
WHAT'S GOT INTO YEW?
D-DISCIPLINE! THIS IS DISCIPLINE TRAINING! IF YOU'RE MY PET, THEN PROMISE ME THIS!
FROM NOW ON, YOU AREN'T ALLOWED...
...TO CRAWL INTO MY BED AND TOUCH ME WITHOUT PERMISSION.
"A PET MUSTN'T TOUCH HIS MASTER!"
WHAT ABOUT FEEDING BY MOUTH?
THAT'S OBVIOUSLY EVEN WORSE!
Aw, come on!
No! I will not "come on"!


DON'T WRECK MY LIFE ANY MORE!
AND DON'T TRY TO PRETEND YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME!!
キーンコーンカーンコーン
DING-DONG DANG-DONG
トントン
TUNK TUNK
WHAT DOES ANRI THINK GIRLS ARE?
OH! LUNCH-TIME!
What're you gonna eat today?
I BROUGHT MINE FROM HOME!
Where do you want to eat?
Oh, let's see...
きゃっ
EEK!
きゃっ
EEK!


E-
EXCUSE ME!
I BROUGHT MY LUNCH TODAY TOO.
ドキドキ
THUMP
THUMP
W-
WOULD YOU MIND IF I JOIN YOU?!
ドキドキ
THUMP
THUMP


... HUH?
B- BUT...
わいわい
CHATTER CHATTER
ニコ
SMILE!!!♥
!
W-WELL... OKAY.
REALLY?!
WOO-HOO!
How swell!
How great!!
UM...
WE'RE SORRY, TAKACHIHO-SAN.
WE WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION YOU WERE SOME REALLY SCARY PERSON.
You know...
BECAUSE OF THOSE RUMORS ABOUT YOU OWNING ANRI-SEMPAI...


SMILE
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM. HE'S JUST A PET.
HE BIT ME THIS MORNING...
BUT AFTER I GAVE HIM A SLAP, EVERYTHING WAS FINE!
AHAHAHAHAHAHA! ♪
JUST A PET...
BIT ME THIS MORNING...
GAVE HIM A SLAP...
O-OH, IS THAT SO?
WE JUST REMEMBERED SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS...
Oh!
キャEEEEEEEK!

5. SPECIAL THANKS

*MY PARENTS *UNCLE OSAMU
*MY EDITORS SUDA-SAMA AND MATSUBARA-SAMA
KAZUHA-SAN, IMAIMON
SHIMODA-SAN, TORA-SAN,
MURAKAMI GEVANNI...

EVERYONE INVOLVED IN "BLACK PANTHER AND SWEET SIXTEEN"...

AND LAST BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST EVERYONE READING THIS COMIC! THAT MEANS...

♥♥ YOU ♥ ♥

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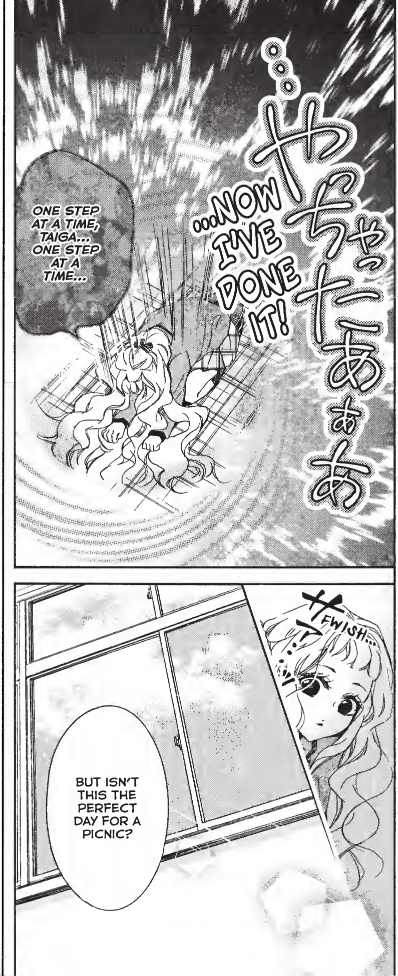
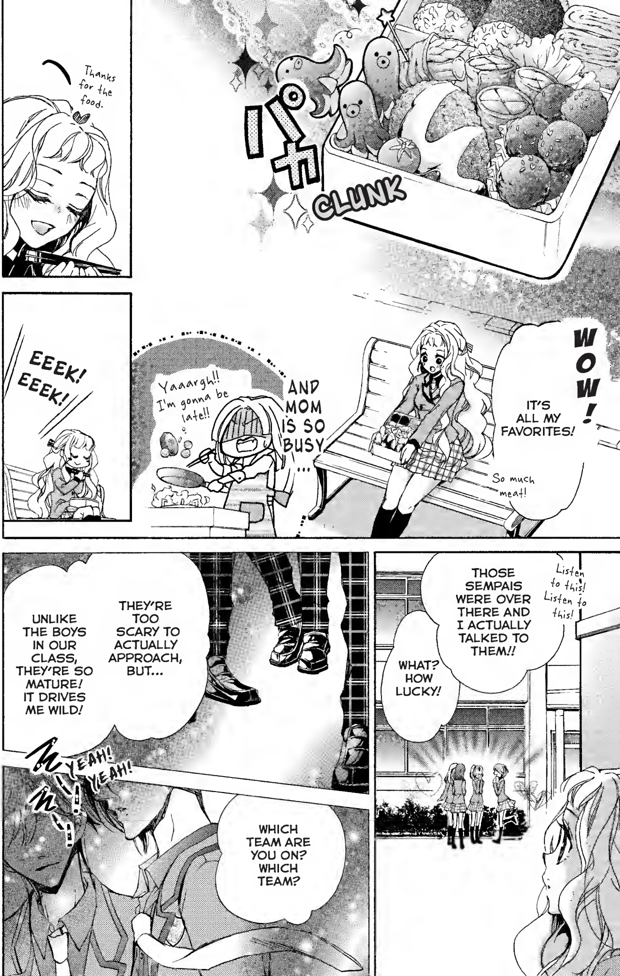
TO PEDORO TORIUMI

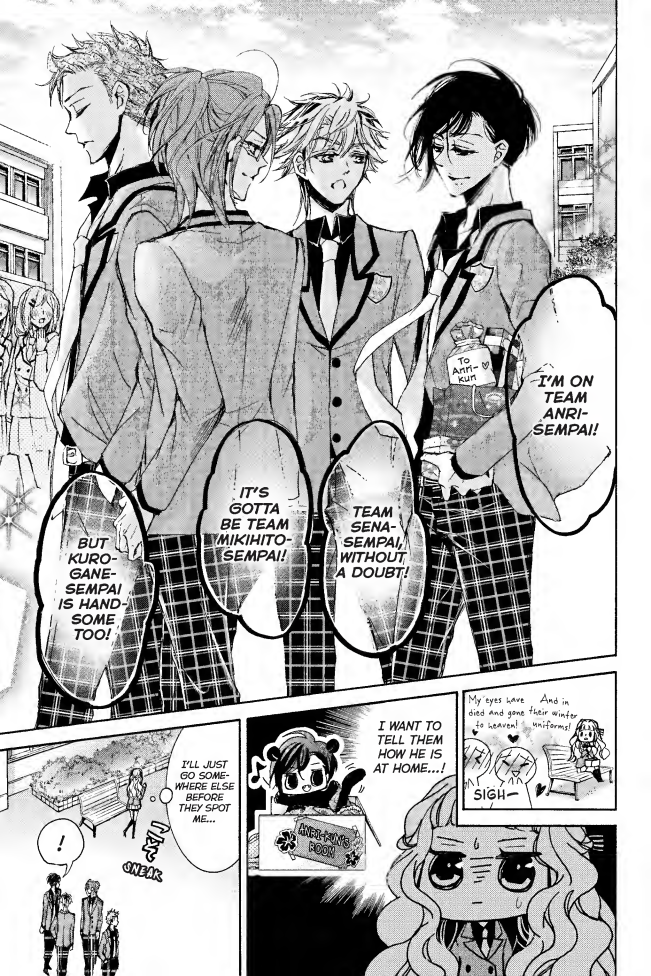
I'd be very happy to receive a letter from you!

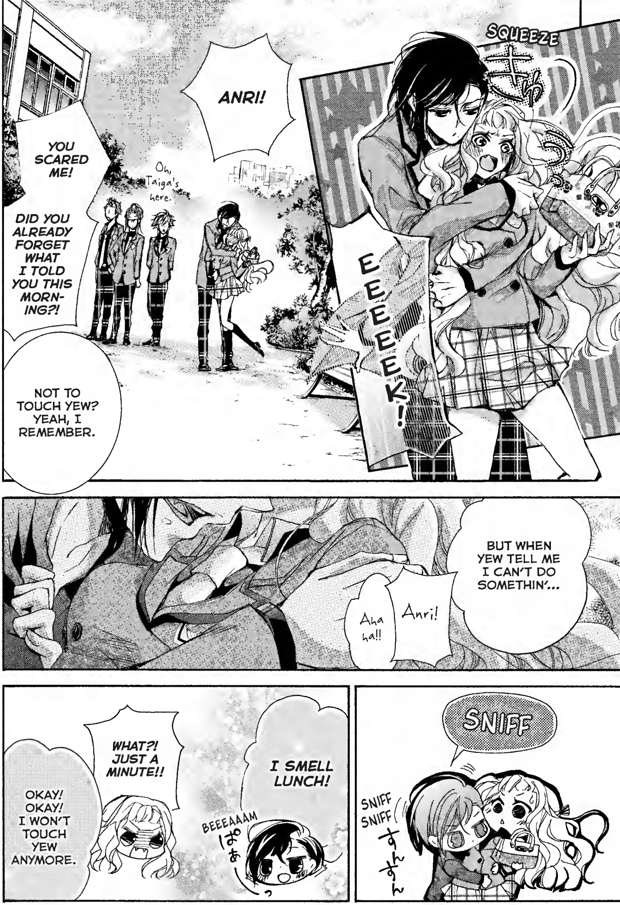
I HOPE IT'S SUNNY AGAIN TOMORROW.

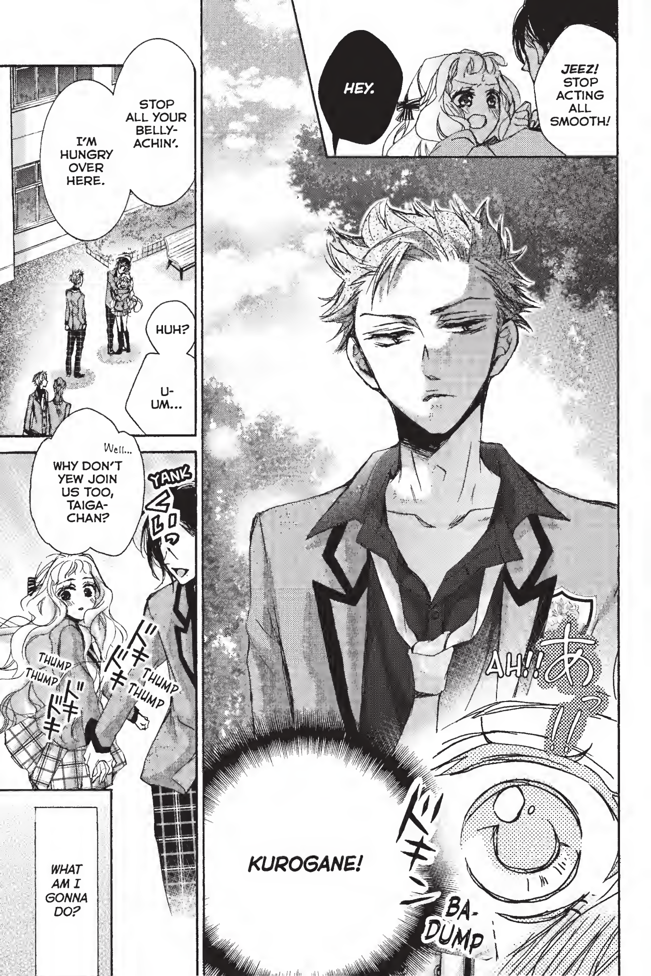
(PEDORO TORIUMI)

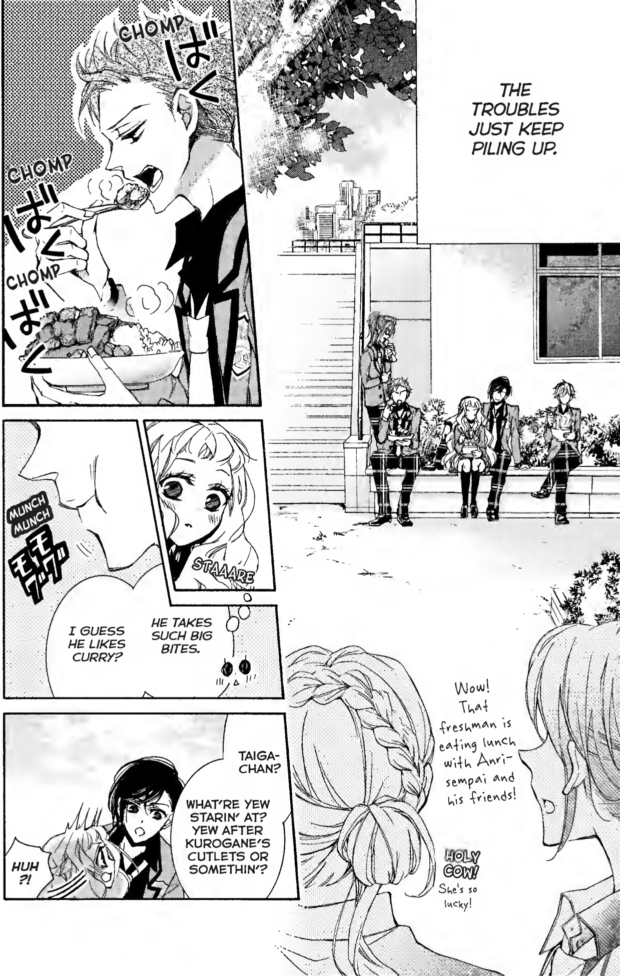

…やっちゃったーあぁあ
...NOW I'VE DONE IT!
ONE STEP AT A TIME, TAIGA... ONE STEP AT A TIME...
FWISH...
BUT ISN'T THIS THE PERFECT DAY FOR A PICNIC?

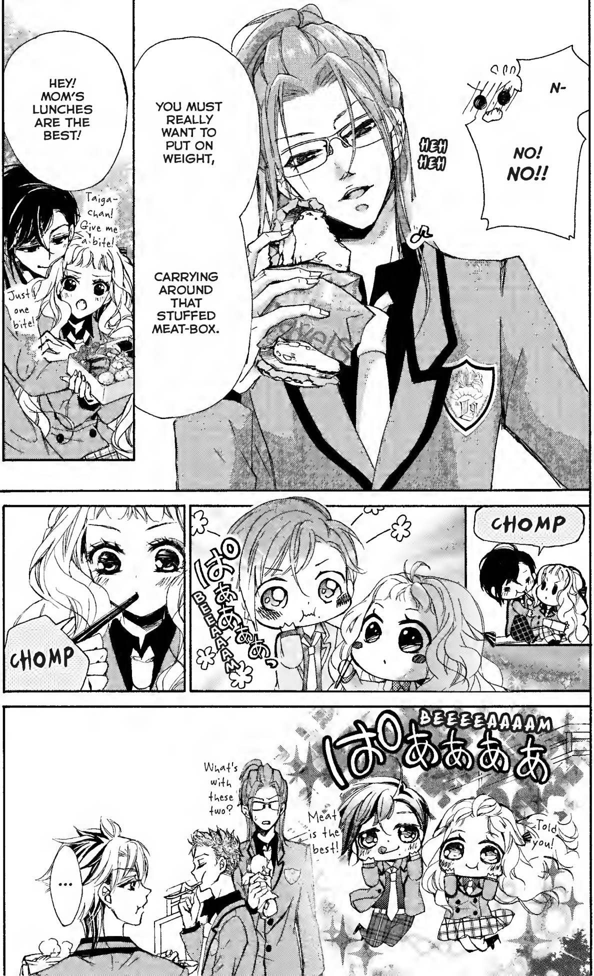

パカ
CLUNK
Thanks for the food.
WOW!
IT'S ALL MY FAVORITES!
So much meat!
AND MOM IS SO BUSY...
Yaaargh!! I'm gonna be late!!
EEEK! EEEK!
Listen to this! Listen to this!
THOSE SEMPAIS WERE OVER THERE AND I ACTUALLY TALKED TO THEM!!
WHAT? HOW LUCKY!
THEY'RE TOO SCARY TO ACTUALLY APPROACH, BUT...
UNLIKE THE BOYS IN OUR CLASS, THEY'RE SO MATURE! IT DRIVES ME WILD!
WHICH TEAM ARE YOU ON? WHICH TEAM?
YEAH! YEAH!

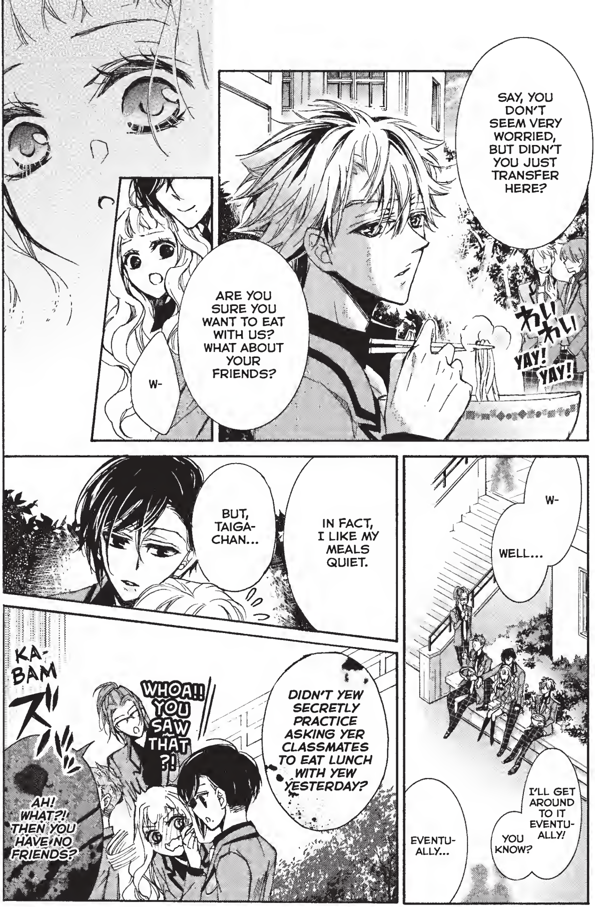

To Anri-kun ♡
I'M ON TEAM ANRI-SEMPAI!
TEAM SENA-SEMPAI, WITHOUT A DOUBT!
IT'S GOTTA BE TEAM MIKIHITO-SEMPAI!
BUT KUROGANE-SEMPAI IS HANDSOME TOO!
My eyes have died and gone to heaven!
And in their winter uniforms!
SIGH—
I WANT TO TELL THEM HOW HE IS AT HOME...!
ANRI-KUN'S ROOM
I'LL JUST GO SOMEWHERE ELSE BEFORE THEY SPOT ME...
SNEAK
!

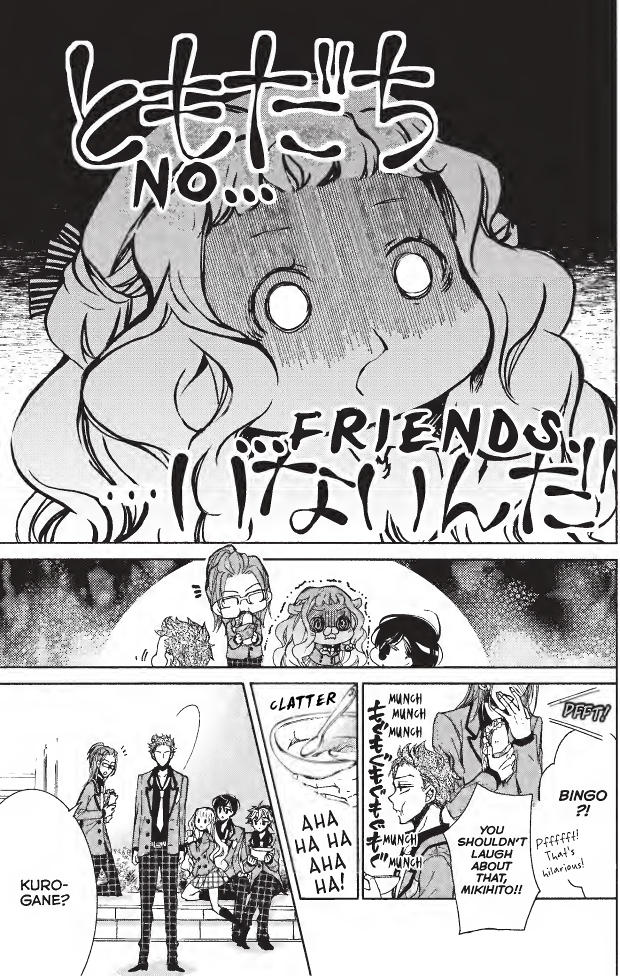

SQUEEZE
ギュ
EEEEEK!
ANRI!
Oh, Taiga's here.
YOU SCARED ME!
DID YOU ALREADY FORGET WHAT I TOLD YOU THIS MORNING?!
NOT TO TOUCH YEW? YEAH, I REMEMBER.
BUT WHEN YEW TELL ME I CAN'T DO SOMETHIN'...
Anri!
Aha ha!!
SNIFF
SNIFF SNIFF
すんすん
I SMELL LUNCH!
BEEEAAAM
ぱぁ
WHAT?! JUST A MINUTE!!
OKAY! OKAY! I WON'T TOUCH YEW ANYMORE.

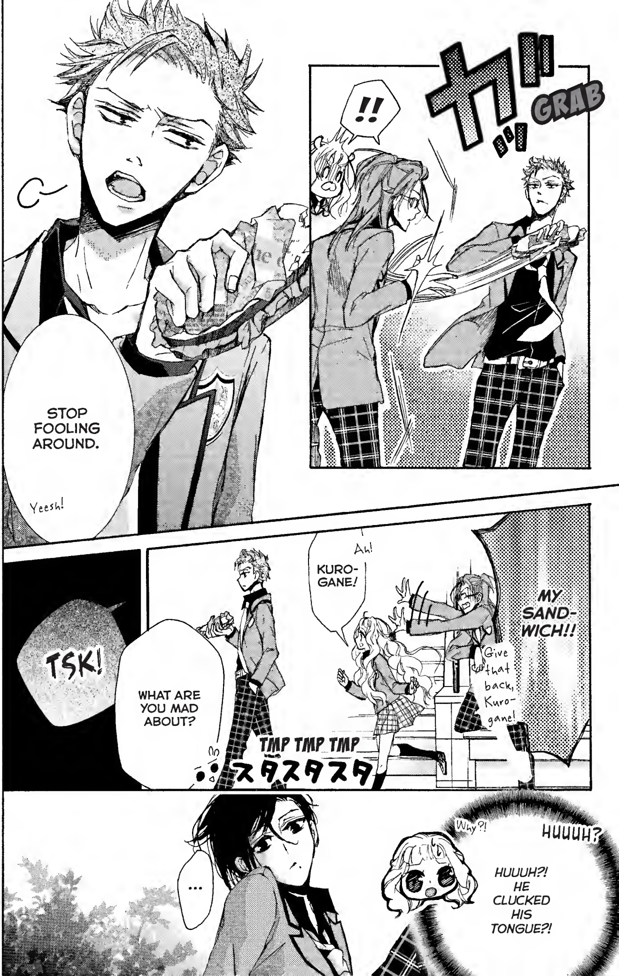

JEEZ! STOP ACTING ALL SMOOTH!
HEY.
STOP ALL YOUR BELLY-ACHIN'.
I'M HUNGRY OVER HERE.
HUH?
U-UM...
Well...
WHY DON'T YEW JOIN US TOO, TAIGA-CHAN?
YANK
ぐいっ
THUMP THUMP
ドキドキ
THUMP THUMP
ドキドキ
WHAT AM I GONNA DO?
AH!!
あっ!!
KUROGANE!
BA-DUMP
ドキン

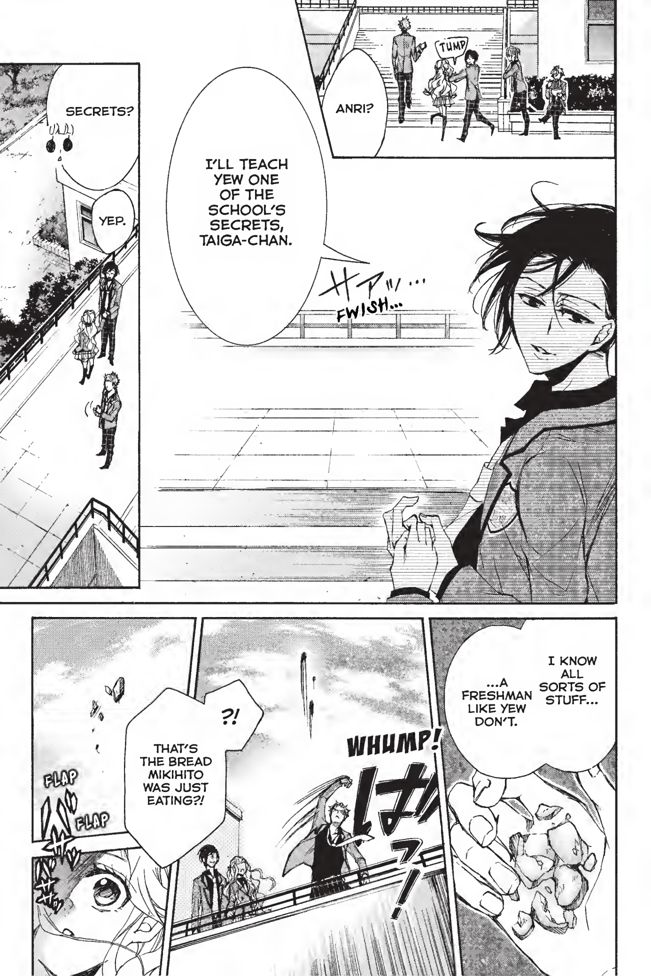

THE TROUBLES JUST KEEP PILING UP.
CHOMP ばく
CHOMP ばく
CHOMP ばく
STAAARE
HE TAKES SUCH BIG BITES.
MUNCH MUNCH モグモグ
I GUESS HE LIKES CURRY?
Wow! That freshman is eating lunch with Anri-sempai and his friends!
HOLY COW!
She's so lucky!
TAIGA-CHAN?
WHAT'RE YEW STARIN' AT? YEW AFTER KUROGANE'S CUTLETS OR SOMETHIN'?
HUH ?!

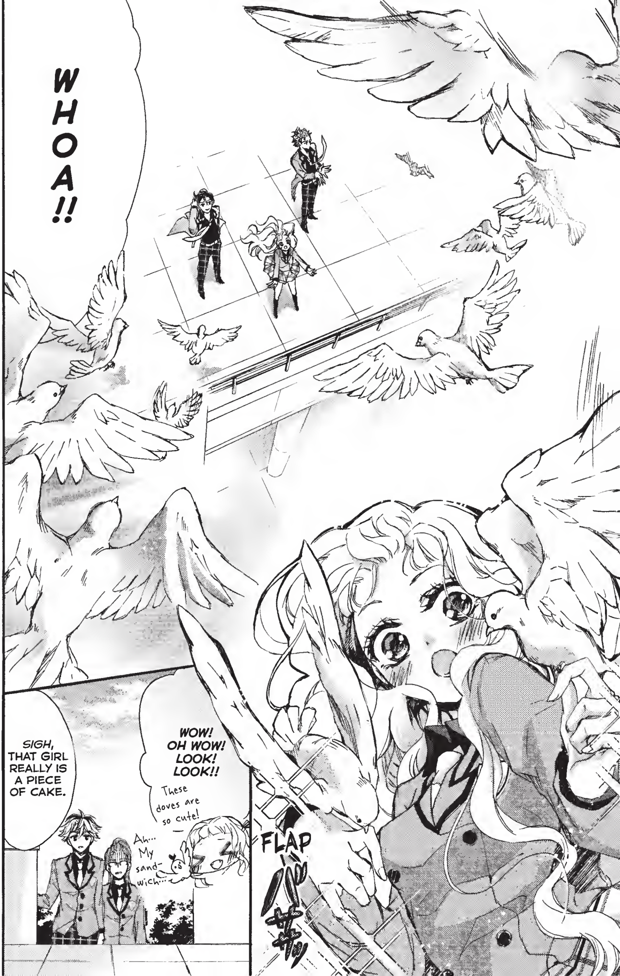

YOU MUST REALLY WANT TO PUT ON WEIGHT,
CARRYING AROUND THAT STUFFED MEAT-BOX.
HEH HEH
N-
NO! NO!!
HEY! MOM'S LUNCHES ARE THE BEST!
Taiga-chan! Give me a bite!
Just one bite!
CHOMP
ぱあああっ
BEEAAAAM
CHOMP
ぱああああ
BEEEEAAAAM
Told you!
Meat is the best!
What's with these two?
...

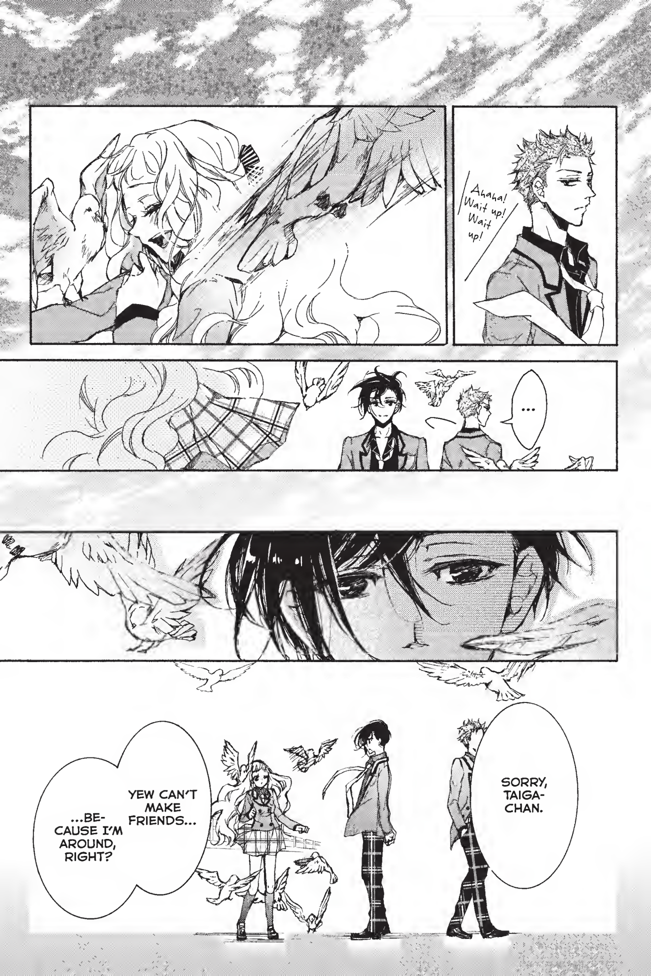

SAY, YOU DON'T SEEM VERY WORRIED, BUT DIDN'T YOU JUST TRANSFER HERE?
わいわい
YAY! YAY!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO EAT WITH US? WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS?
W-
W-
WELL...
IN FACT, I LIKE MY MEALS QUIET.
BUT, TAIGA-CHAN...
DIDN'T YEW SECRETLY PRACTICE ASKING YER CLASSMATES TO EAT LUNCH WITH YEW YESTERDAY?
WHOA!! YOU SAW THAT?!
KA-BAM
ズバッ
AH! WHAT?! THEN YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS?
I'LL GET AROUND TO IT EVENTUALLY! YOU KNOW?
EVENTUALLY...

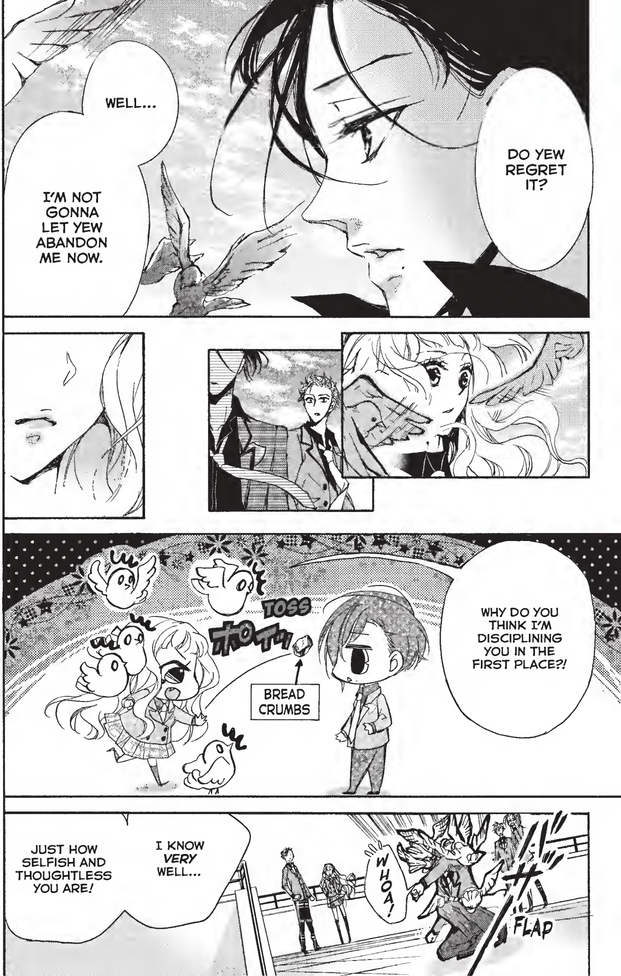

ともだち
NO...
...FRIENDS...
…じゃないんだ!!
PFFT!
Pffffft! That's hilarious!
BINGO?!
YOU SHOULDN'T LAUGH ABOUT THAT, MIKIHITO!!
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
もぐもぐもぐもぐ
MUNCH MUNCH
CLATTER
AHA HA HA AHA HA!
KURO-GANE?

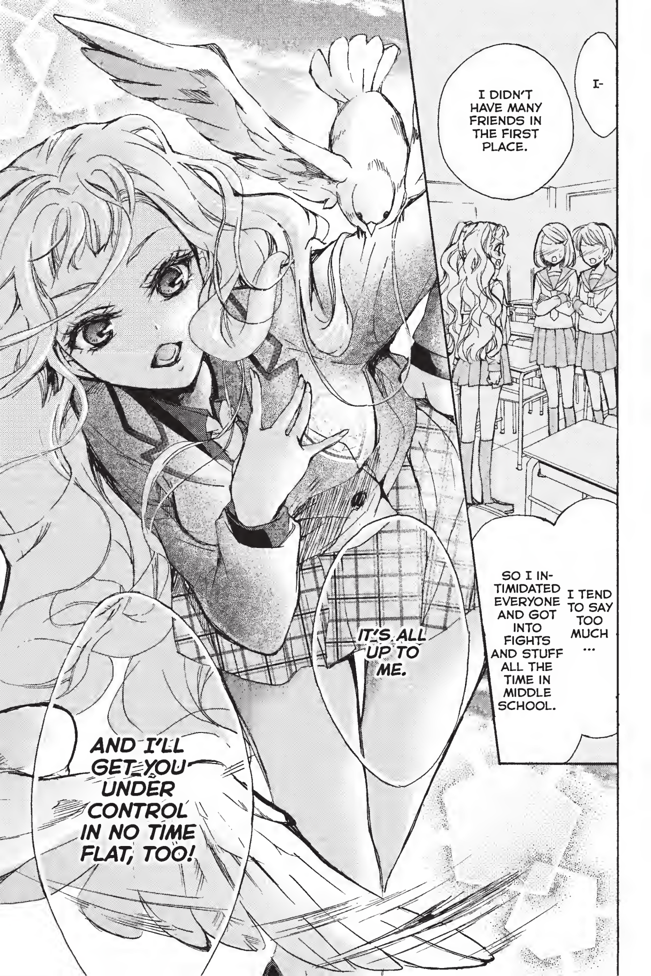

!!
ガッ
GRAB
STOP FOOLING AROUND.
Yeesh!
MY SANDWICH!!
Give that back, Kuro-gane!
Ah!
KURO-GANE!
WHAT ARE YOU MAD ABOUT?
TMP TMP TMP
スタスタスタ
TSK!
HUUUH?
Why?!
HUUUH?! HE CLUCKED HIS TONGUE?!
...

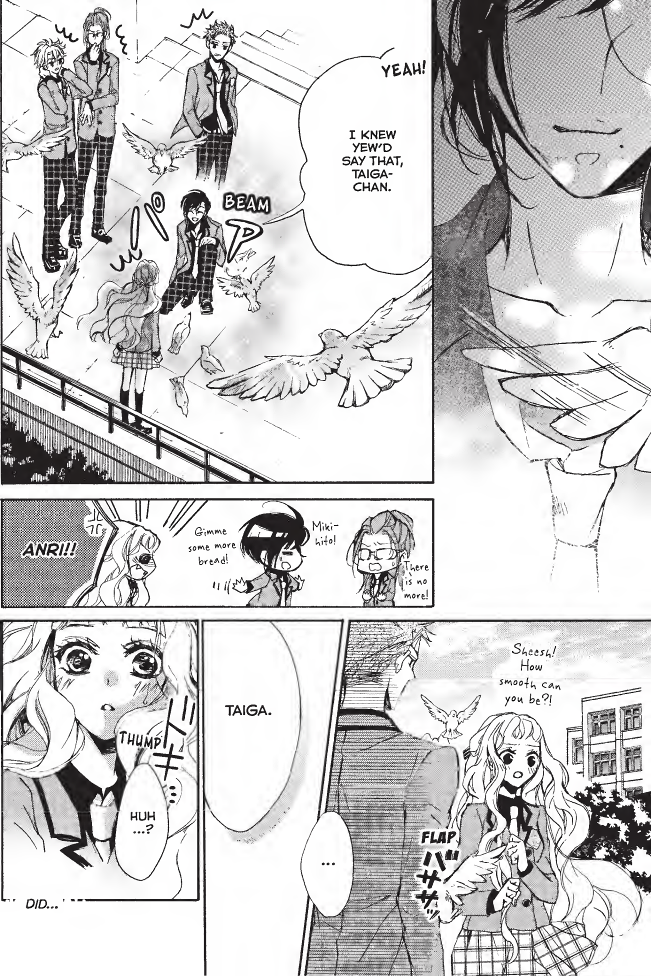

TUMP
ANRI?
I'LL TEACH YEW ONE OF THE SCHOOL'S SECRETS, TAIGA-CHAN.
サァッ…
FWISH...
SECRETS?
YEP.
I KNOW ALL SORTS OF STUFF...
...A FRESHMAN LIKE YEW DON'T.
WHUMP!
?!
THAT'S THE BREAD MIKIHITO WAS JUST EATING?!
FLAP
FLAP

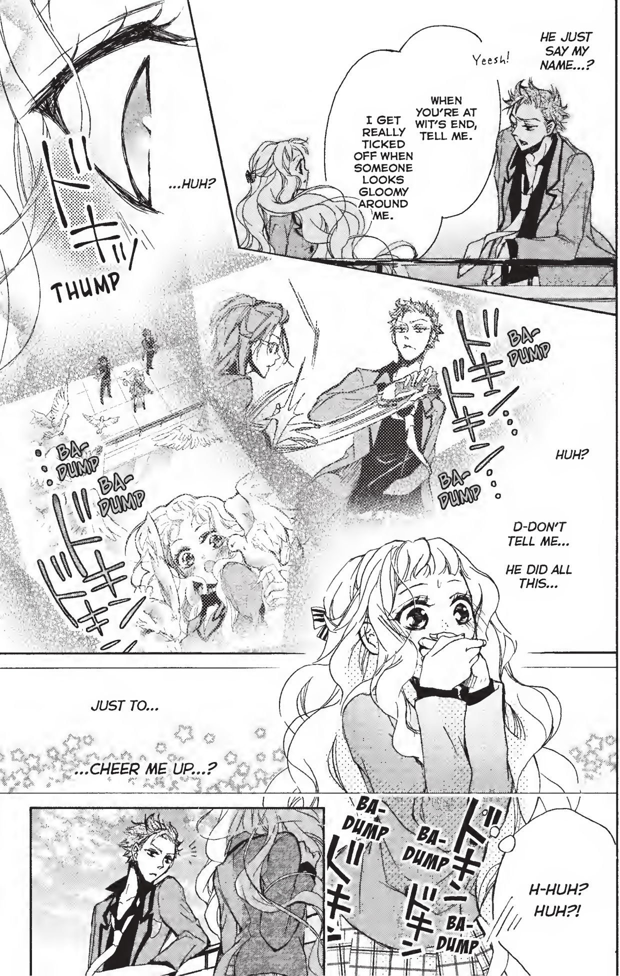

WHOA!!
FLAP
WOW! OH WOW! LOOK! LOOK!!
These doves are so cute!
Ah... My sandwich...
SIGH, THAT GIRL REALLY IS A PIECE OF CAKE.


Ahaha! Wait up! Wait up!
...
SORRY, TAIGA-CHAN.
YEW CAN'T MAKE FRIENDS...
...BECAUSE I'M AROUND, RIGHT?


DO YEW REGRET IT?
WELL...
I'M NOT GONNA LET YEW ABANDON ME NOW.
WHY DO YOU THINK I'M DISCIPLINING YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE?!
TOSS
ポイッ
BREAD CRUMBS
FLAP
WHOA!
I KNOW *VERY* WELL...
JUST HOW SELFISH AND THOUGHTLESS YOU ARE!


I-
I DIDN'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I TEND TO SAY TOO MUCH ...
SO I INTIMIDATED EVERYONE AND GOT INTO FIGHTS AND STUFF ALL THE TIME IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
IT'S ALL UP TO ME.
AND I'LL GET YOU UNDER CONTROL IN NO TIME FLAT, TOO!


YEAH!
I KNEW YEW'D SAY THAT, TAIGA-CHAN.
BEAM
There is no more!
Miki-hito!
Gimme some more bread!
ANRI!!
Sheesh! How smooth can you be?!
FLAP
...
TAIGA.
THUMP
HUH ...?
DID...


HE JUST SAY MY NAME...?
Yeesh!
WHEN YOU'RE AT WIT'S END, TELL ME.
I GET REALLY TICKED OFF WHEN SOMEONE LOOKS GLOOMY AROUND ME.
...HUH?
THUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
HUH?
D-DON'T TELL ME...
HE DID ALL THIS...
JUST TO...
...CHEER ME UP...?
H-HUH? HUH?!
BA-DUMP
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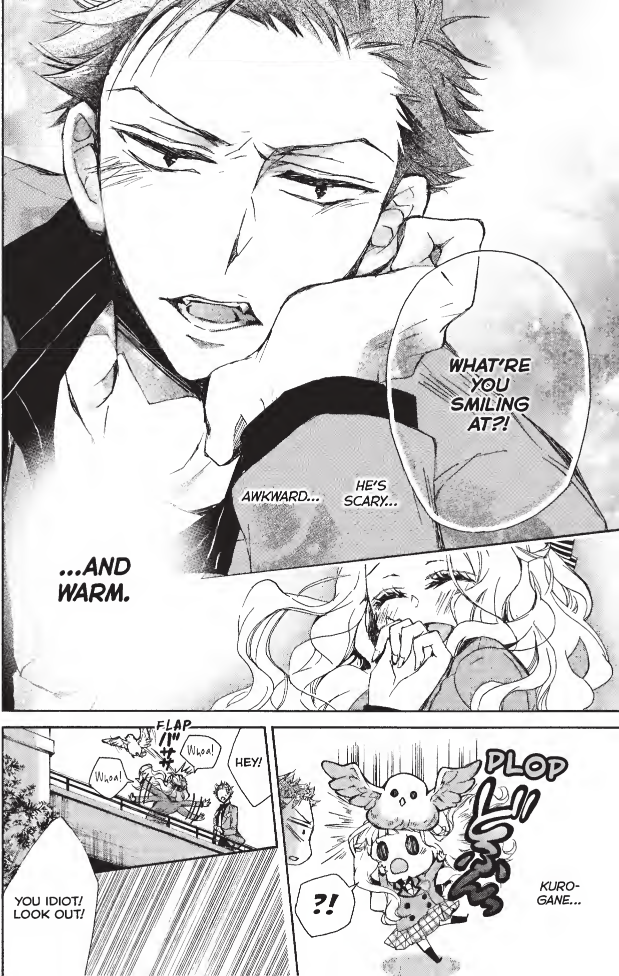
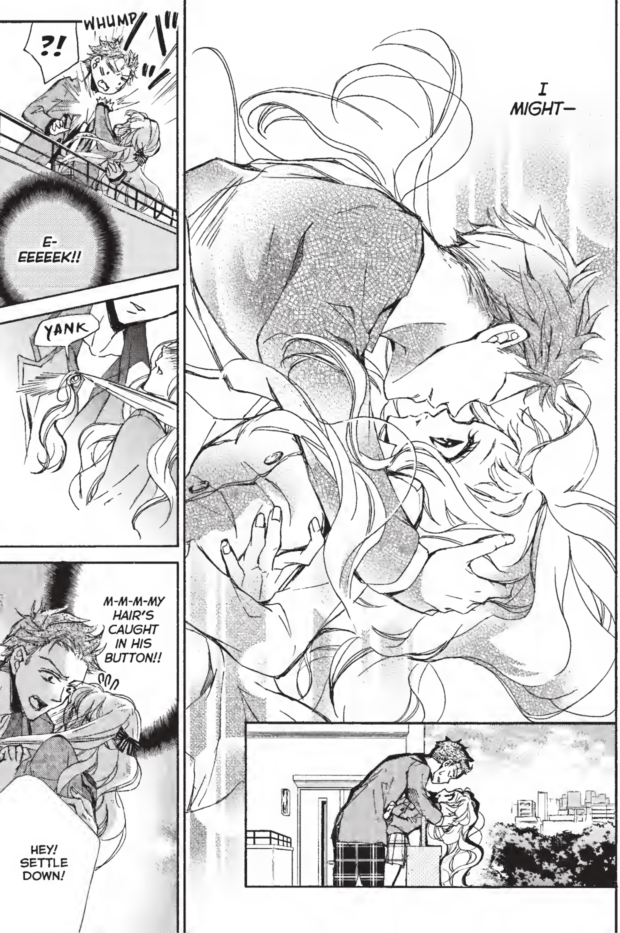
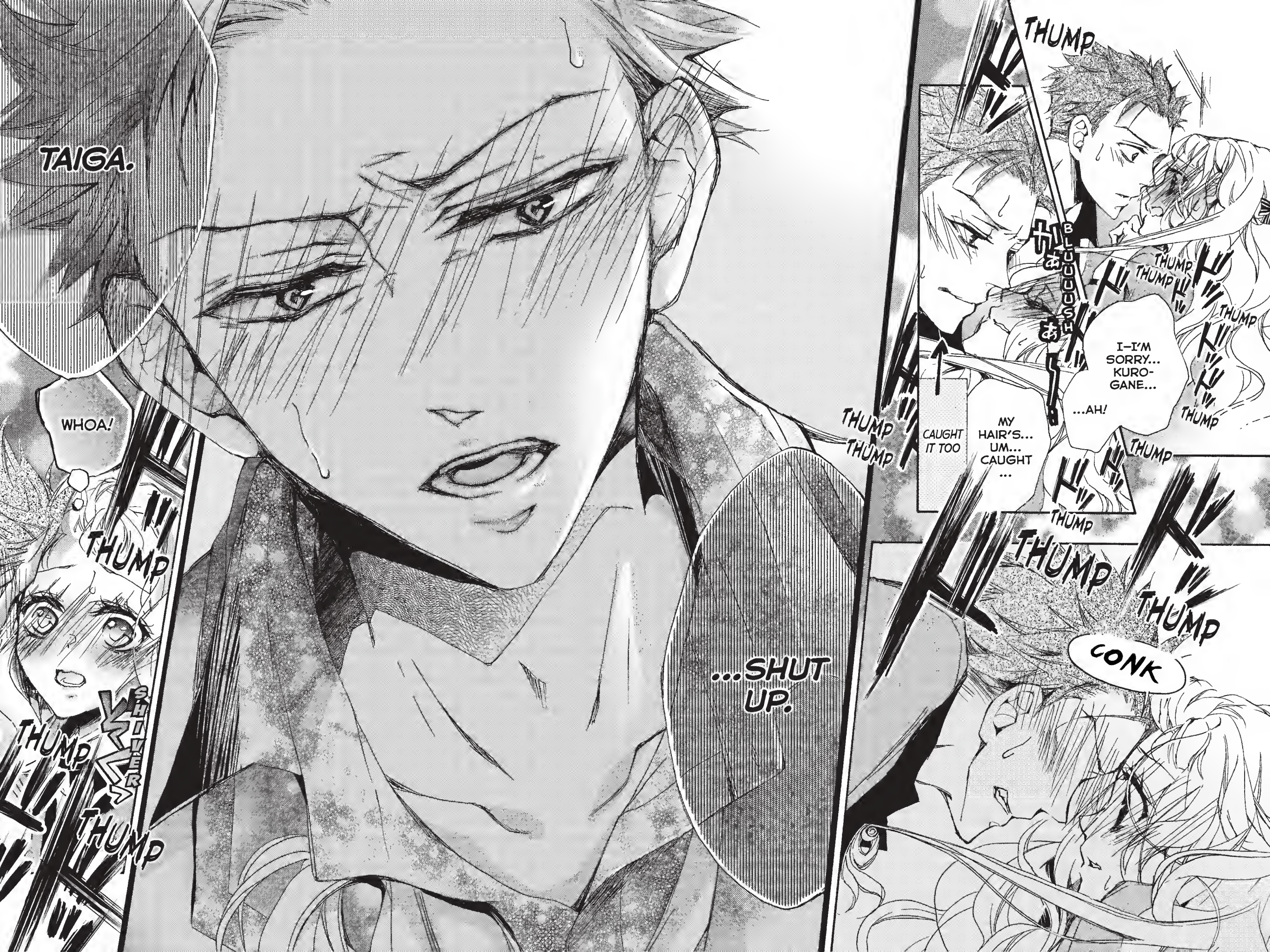
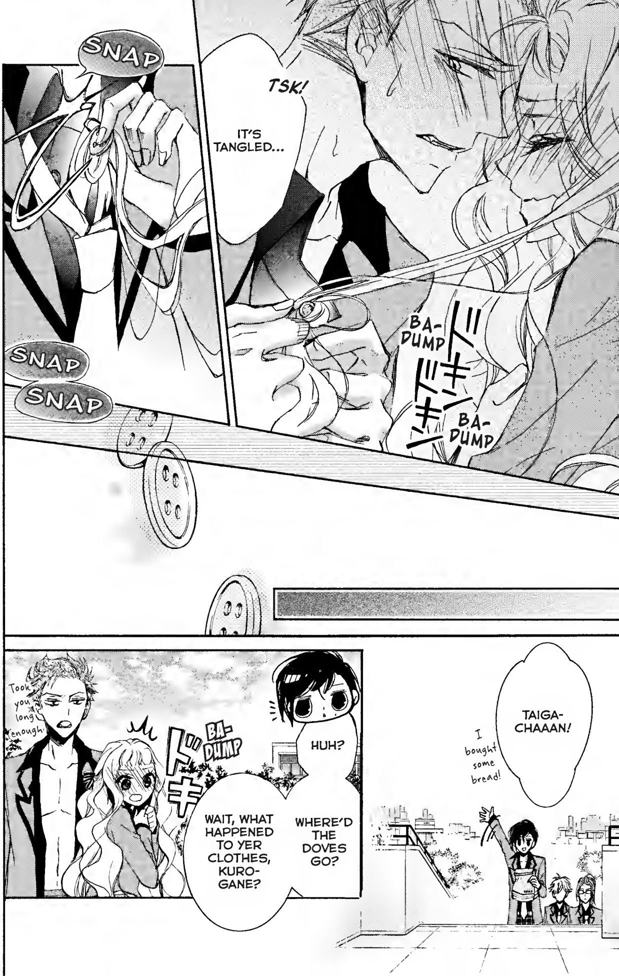
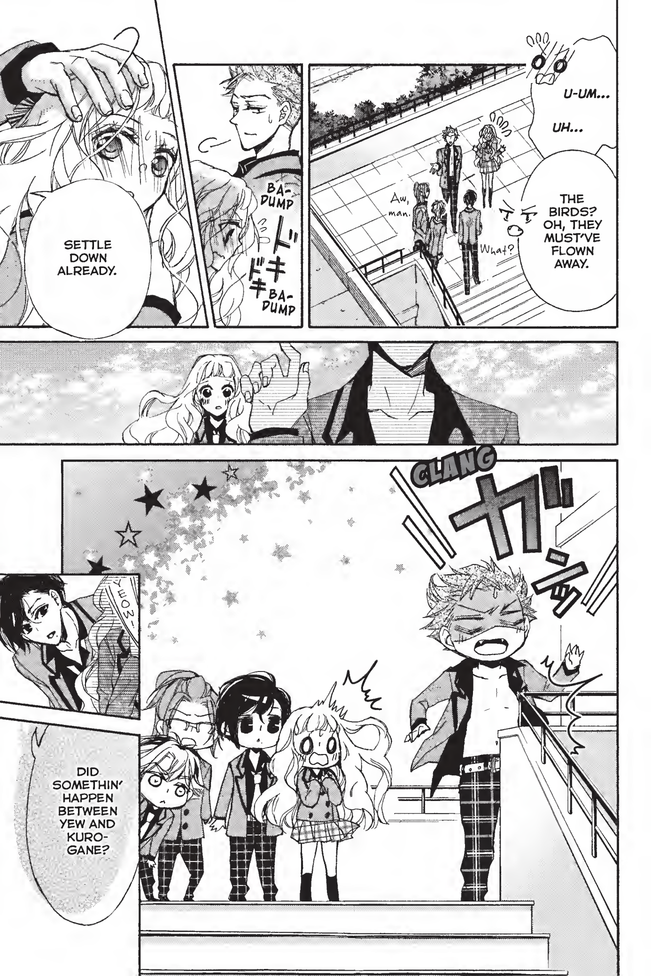
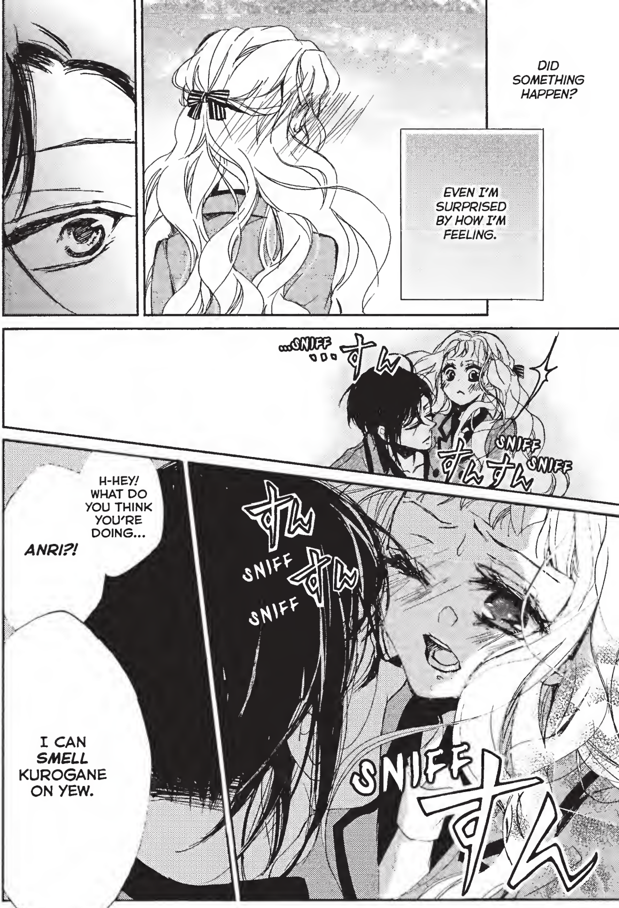

WHAT'RE YOU SMILING AT?!
HE'S SCARY...
AWKWARD...
...AND WARM.
KURO-GANE...
PLOP
?!
HEY!
Whoa!
FLAP
バサ
Whoa!
YOU IDIOT! LOOK OUT!

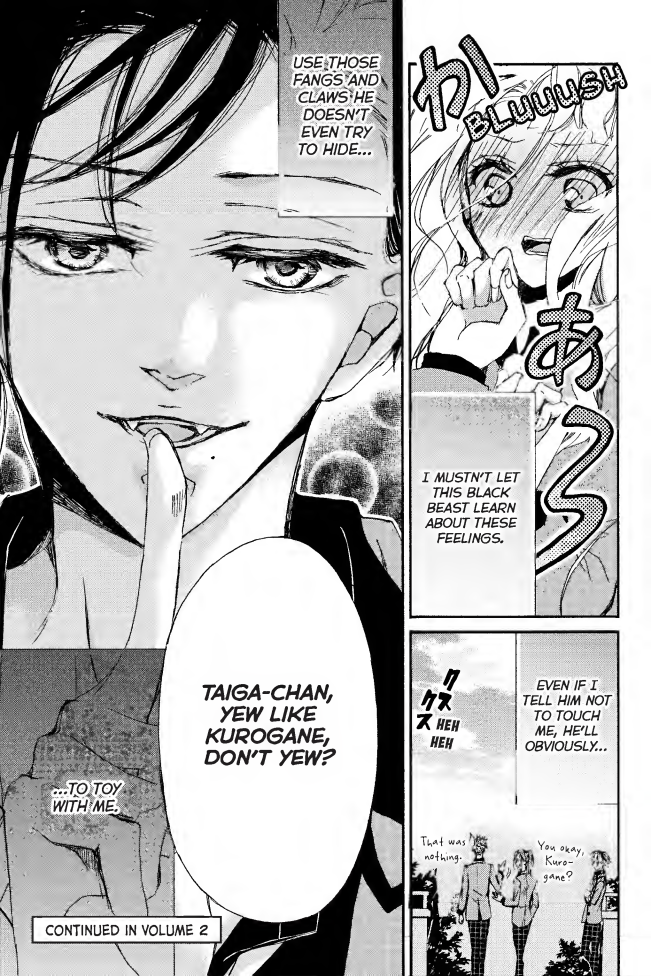

I MIGHT—
WHUMP
?!
E-EEEEEK!!
YANK
M-M-M-MY HAIR'S CAUGHT IN HIS BUTTON!!
HEY! SETTLE DOWN!


THUMP
BLUUUSH
かああ—!
THUMP THUMP
THUMP
I—I'M SORRY... KURO-GANE...
...AH!
MY HAIR'S... UM... CAUGHT...
CAUGHT IT TOO
THUMP THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
CONK
TAIGA.
...SHUT UP.
WHOA!
THUMP
SHIVER
THUMP
THUMP


TSK!
IT'S TANGLED...
BA-DUMP ドキ
ドキン BA-DUMP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
TAIGA-CHAAAN!
I bought some bread!
HUH?
WHERE'D THE DOVES GO?
Took you long enough.
BA-DUMP ドキ
WAIT, WHAT HAPPENED TO YER CLOTHES, KURO-GANE?


U-UM...
UH...
THE BIRDS? OH, THEY MUST'VE FLOWN AWAY.
What?
Aw, man.
BA-DUMP
ドキドキ
BA-DUMP
SETTLE DOWN ALREADY.
CLANG
ガンッ
YEOW!
DID SOMETHIN' HAPPEN BETWEEN YEW AND KURO-GANE?


DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
EVEN I'M SURPRISED BY HOW I'M FEELING.
...SNIFF すん
SNIFF すんすん SNIFF
すん SNIFF すん SNIFF
SNIFF すん
H-HEY! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING... *ANRI?!*
I CAN *SMELL* KUROGANE ON YEW.


わ BLUUUSH
あ
ろ
I MUSTN'T LET THIS BLACK BEAST LEARN ABOUT THESE FEELINGS.
EVEN IF I TELL HIM NOT TO TOUCH ME, HE'LL OBVIOUSLY...
クスクス HEH HEH
That was nothing.
You okay, Kuro-gane?
USE THOSE FANGS AND CLAWS HE DOESN'T EVEN TRY TO HIDE...
...TO TOY WITH ME.
TAIGA-CHAN, YEW LIKE KUROGANE, DON'T YEW?

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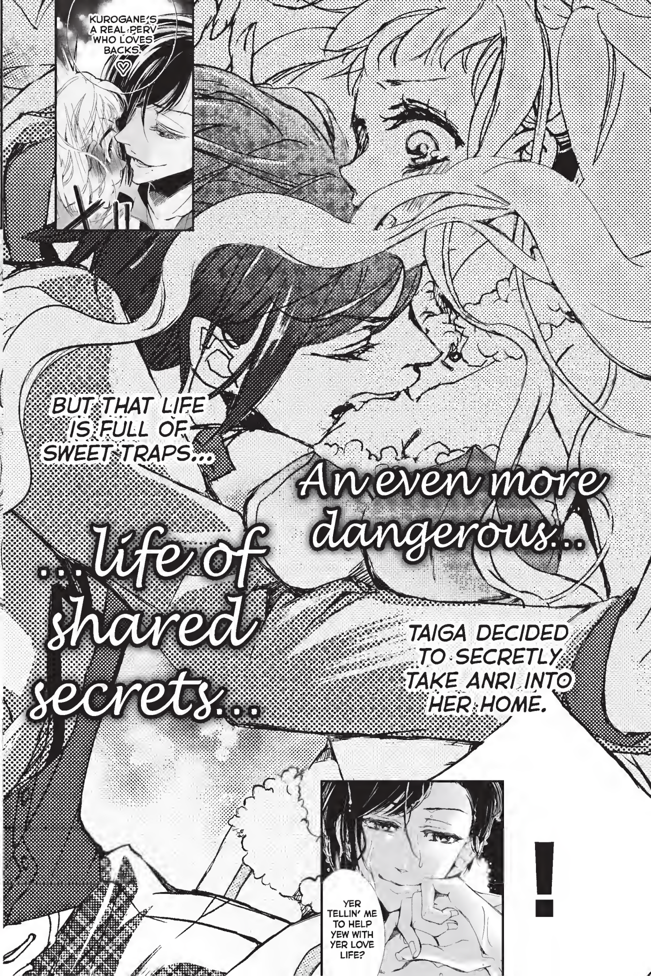
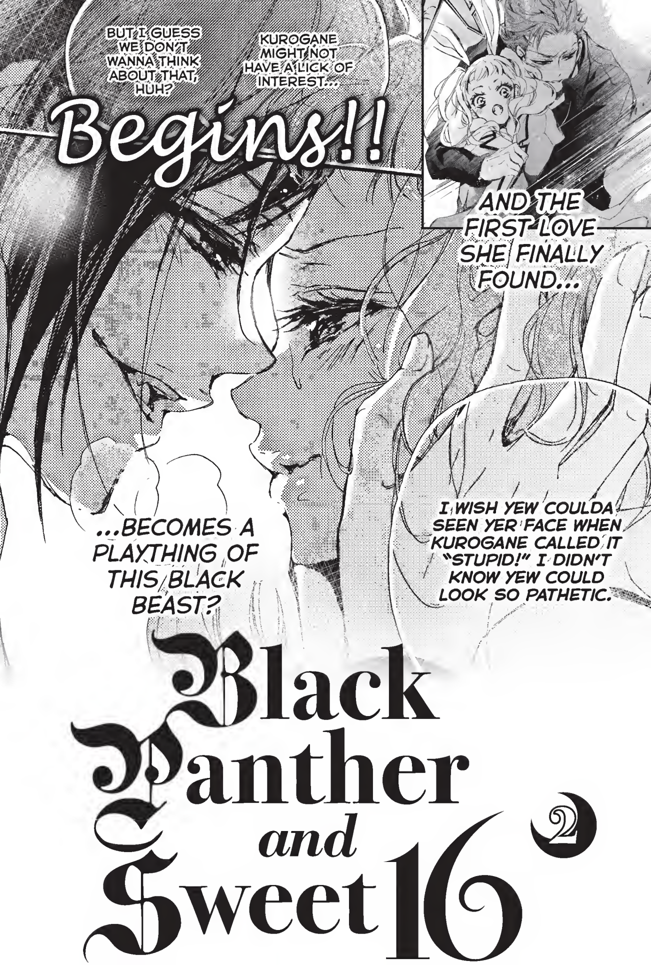

KUROGANE'S A REAL PERV WHO LOVES BACKS. ♡
BUT THAT LIFE IS FULL OF SWEET TRAPS...
An even more dangerous...
...life of shared secrets...
TAIGA DECIDED TO SECRETLY TAKE ANRI INTO HER HOME.
YER TELLIN' ME TO HELP YEW WITH YER LOVE LIFE?
!


KUROGANE MIGHT NOT HAVE A LICK OF INTEREST...
BUT I GUESS WE DON'T WANNA THINK ABOUT THAT, HUH?
Begins!!
AND THE FIRST LOVE SHE FINALLY FOUND...
...BECOMES A PLAYTHING OF THIS BLACK BEAST?
I WISH YEW COULDA SEEN YER FACE WHEN KUROGANE CALLED IT "STUPID!" I DIDN'T KNOW YEW COULD LOOK SO PATHETIC.
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